

## 3-year target for random breath tests

### Drink-drive advertising campaign to be slashed

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Random breath tests are likely to be introduced within three years in a new crackdown against drink-and-drive motorists.

The radical step, which ministers are for the first time acknowledging privately is likely to happen, means Britain would be following the example set by countries like Australia, where highly visible "booze buses" manned by police result in up to a third of motorists being stopped and tested once a year on average.

Drink-related road accidents and casualties have been cut by about a quarter in

the growing number of countries who have introduced random breathalyzer tests and yesterday Britain's leading road crash investigation expert said out how many lives could be saved on British roads.

Dr Murray Mackay, head of the accident research unit at Birmingham University, said: "We would save a life a day if we could replicate the Australian experience."

Up to one third of the 5,800 road deaths occurring each year in Britain involve drivers who have been drinking, with many over twice the legal limit, yet there is only one in 75 chance of motorists being breath-tested and only 13 per cent of injured road casualties are tested.

Ministers draw a parallel between the introduction of random breath tests and the decision to go ahead with the compulsory wearing of seat belts by insisting that public and political opinion must be right before the change is made.

It is argued that the present priority is to make people realise drinking and driving is socially unacceptable and break the link between the "bottle and the throttle". Ministers are anxious that message is not clouded by talk of random breath tests.

But whenever ministers pick up courage to go public with such proposals there is bound to be considerable argument and debate with opponents claiming the change would restrict the freedom of the individual.

The new move arises from the Department of Transport's decision drastically to reduce the amount of money it spends on anti-drink and drive advertising and to promote instead editorial

coverage on the perils of drunken driving. The money saved will be spent on research to reduce road fatalities.

Dr Mackay, who last month said the Government might as well burn the £2 million it was spending on anti-drink and drive propaganda for all the good it was doing, welcomed the policy change — but insisted that random testing was crucial in the battle against drinking and driving.

Dr Mackay hopes new funds could now go towards investigating the crash-worthiness of vehicles, improving seat belts and protection for motor cyclists.

The switch in government thinking about anti-drink and drive propaganda will mean the phasing out of expensive, and at times controversial, advertising campaigns based on slogans such as "Think before you drink before you drive," and "Stay low".

The decision follows a report by Department of Transport officials which concluded there was no proven link between the advertising blitzes and the saving of lives.

In a typical piece of Whitehall jargon, the report says the programme of paid advertising was "not demonstrably cost-effective in casualty reduction".

The Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, which spearheaded the drive for compulsory wearing of seat belts, last month launched its own campaign in favour of random breath testing.

In spite of ministerial fears that the public is not yet ready to accept random breath tests, they produced the results of two recent opinion polls which showed that 70 per cent of the population were in favour.

## Anti-Soviet Baltic protests permitted

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Anti-Soviet protests were staged in the capitals of the Baltic republics yesterday on the 48th anniversary of the Nazi-Soviet Pact. According to eyewitnesses, the demonstrations passed off quietly and in contrast to previous years, police made no attempt to intervene.

According to a Reuters correspondent in the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, a crowd of 300 defied warnings from the authorities and gathered in front of St Anne's Church in the centre of the Old City. There they sang patriotic songs and chanted "freedom, freedom".

Some wore black armbands to commemorate Lithuanians who fell victim to Stalin, others had flowers at the monument to the Polish poet, Adam Mickiewicz, who is seen there as a symbol of national independence.

Reports from Riga, the capital of Latvia, spoke of a crowd of 2,000 gathering to commemorate the anniversary of the Nazi-Soviet Pact, the anniversary of Russian influence in the republic. As yet no reports have been received from Tallinn.

The Soviet authorities claimed yesterday evening that what they called the "anti-Soviet provocation" in Vilnius had "flopped". Despite incitement from Western radio stations, Tass claimed, only between 250 and 300 people — "a paltry group of

aggressive extremists" had gathered for the "anti-Soviet hate rally".

The Nazi-Soviet non-aggression treaty of 1939 is seen by many in the three Baltic republics as marking their annexation by the Soviet Union and the loss of their short-lived independence. It has been marked by anti-Soviet protests in previous years, which were broken up violently by police.

With the policy of *glasnost* and the memory of the Tatar demonstration in Moscow still fresh, this year's Baltic protests had been expected to be larger and more outspoken than before. The Soviet media put out a barrage of advance comment on the anniversary.

Long newspaper articles gave the Soviet interpretation of the Nazi-Soviet Pact: that it protected the interests of the Soviet Union and ultimately those of the Baltic states by protecting them from German occupation.

However, at a time when much official history of the Soviet period is being revised, including the official defence of the Nazi-Soviet Pact, this interpretation is increasingly difficult to sustain.

The overwhelming majority of Balts, hundreds of whom demonstrated yesterday, have never subscribed to it and insist that their countries should be independent.

## Talks start today on Hungerford massacre



A grim-faced Mr Hurd in front of the burnt-out houses in Hungerford which he toured yesterday with the town's mayor, Mr Ron Tarry. (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance)

## Hurd pledges gun controls within weeks

By Richard Evans, David Sapsted, Michael McCarthy and Howard Foster

Mr Douglas Hurd will today formally start a ministerial review of the Hungerford massacre which is expected to result in a tightening of firearms practice "within weeks".

The Home Secretary, who yesterday visited the scene of last week's carnage in which 16 people were murdered by Michael Ryan, is expected to report within days to the Prime Minister. The besieged killer shot himself.

Standing outside the burnt-out shell of the house where Ryan lived and began his rampage through the town, Mr Hurd promised that an emergency meeting this morning would review work already set in hand on firearms law and would add to it extra ideas which arise out of this "horror", so that changes in the law could be put before Parliament.

He said: "My main concern is that all the possible lessons from this should be drawn."

He echoed the remarks on Friday of his junior minister, Mr Douglas Hogg, who identified the immediate areas of government concern as the licensed possession by individuals of semi-automatic

weapons, the keeping of guns at home and the possibility of an amnesty for illegally held firearms.

But Mr Hurd refused to countenance precipitate action and ruled out emergency legislation before Parliament reassembled in the autumn.

He said: "I do not think you do these things successfully if you do them in a great hurry. The changes we make should be sensible changes."

He did not agree that leaving legislation till Parliament

reassembled might allow somebody else to imitate Ryan's actions.

On television violence, Mr Hurd said: "We have thought about that and that is why we put an analysis and a proposal in our election manifesto, and between the election and the time Parliament rose we would set in hand work to turn the election commitment about sex and violence on television into a specific proposal which again will almost

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## Churches attempt to rekindle faith

By Michael McCarthy and Howard Foster

The three churchmen of Hungerford offered words of comfort to their afflicted town yesterday while struggling to reconcile Michael Ryan's random massacre last week with belief in God.

The vicar, the Rev David Salt, a parish priest, Father Tim Healy, and the Methodist minister, the Rev David Hawkes, all covered the topic in their morning services.

"Humanity produces Adolf Hitler and Idi Amin as well as Mother Teresa and Martin Luther King", the vicar told more than 300 people who crowded to overflowing the parish church of St Lawrence, which was flying the Union Flag at half mast.

"God gives us the power to do good and the power to do evil. God respects us as his sons and daughters and gives us freedom of choice."

"I think all of us feel weak and helpless and we come before God asking for his help and healing."

Among the congregation, many of whom were in tears, were the son and daughter-in-

law of two of Ryan's first victims, Mr Roly Mason and his wife Sheila, who lived next door but one to the gunman.

Mr Colin Mason and his wife Sharon attended the service with other family members and Mr Mason received a blessing at the side altar.

A church assistant, Mrs Trudi Philips, read out as a slow litany the names of all 16 victims. After a momentary pause she added: "Michael Ryan: may God have mercy on his soul."

In the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Healy asked: "What are we to think — that God did not love these people?"

"To think that is to suppose that God did not love his own Son. To conclude that their deaths were devoid of meaning and purpose is to suppose that the death of Christ is devoid of meaning. Can we say that God lost control of events last Wednesday? This would be to deny that God is God."

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## Steel bids to heal rift and save Owen from 'wilderness'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Liberal Leader, Mr David Steel, will meet Dr David Owen this week in a last attempt to dissuade the former SDP leader from forming a splinter group to oppose the merger of the two parties.

Mr Steel believes that by doing so Dr Owen would be consigning himself to the political wilderness.

The meeting, arranged some time ago to make the parting of their ways as amicable as possible, will be the first between the two since the SDP merger vote.

Mr Steel yesterday attempted to woo the Owenite wing of the SDP into a joint party by rejecting comprehensively the idea of any link with the Labour Party in present conditions.

SDP sympathizers with Dr Owen had feared that Mr Steel's desire for a realignment of the Left to fight Thatcherism more effectively would lead to an electoral pact with a Labour Party further to the left than the one they had quit in 1981.

But Mr Steel ruled out any such deal, giving the assurance sought by SDP vice-president Mr William Rodgers on Friday that any merged Alliance party would fight the next election on its own.

On Tyne-Tees Television's

Face the Press he said: "The Labour Party policy programme is far removed from what we could adopt as a common programme. I don't see any possibility in the immediate future in this Parliament, of any kind of political agreement resulting in an electoral pact."

Mr Steel hopes to see SDP merger negotiations concluded within a few months, with sanctioning by a special Liberal Assembly and a meeting of the SDP's Council for Social Democracy before approval by ballots of the national membership of the two parties.

Mr Steel made clear there will have to be a much better margin in those ballots for the merger to go ahead than the SDP's 57 per cent to 43 per cent endorsement of the opening of talks.

He risked angering those in his own party, with 17 MPs to the SDP's five, by saying he would not necessarily insist on retaining the word Liberal in the title of the new party.

Mr Steel refused to say either that he would contest the leadership of the new party or to rule himself out of any contest, saying that he was "ambivalent" about the job and that nothing should be decided before the merger.

## Nurses are angered by pay report

By Jill Sherman Social Services Correspondent

A study showing that qualified nurses earn far less than any comparable group of workers, and less than a messenger, a factory assembler or a zookeeper, provoked angry reactions from the Royal College of Nursing last night.

A job analysis published in *The Times* today backs up claims consistently made by the college that nurses are undervalued and underpaid. The analysis carried out by HAY-MSL Management Consultants shows that although nurses are as "valuable" as prison officers, police constables and computer programmers, they earn half their salaries.

A staff nurse after three years training earns £7,300 compared to a prison officer on £15,007, a police constable on £12,907 and a computer programmer earning £12,504.

The Royal College of Nursing said the study showed the profession was undervalued by the Government but not by the public.

Health minister, Mr Tony Newton, countered last night that ministers had repeatedly said they were looking at ways of improving recruitment and retention.

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## More flights face disruption

By Michael Evans

British holidaymakers flying to Spanish resorts over the Bank Holiday may be facing long delays as air-traffic controllers at Barcelona's main airport are threatening to mount a second 24-hour strike next Saturday.

The gloomy predictions were voiced by the Civil Aviation Authority and by the Spanish authorities. Both see little hope of resolving the dispute in the near future.

The backlog of flights that built up at many British

airports during Saturday's strike action caused delays of up to 24 hours for thousands of holidaymakers. Although the industrial action only lasted until 7am yesterday, the frustration and waiting continued as it took a long time for the airlines to return to normal operating schedules.

The 140 air-traffic controllers at Barcelona's main airport are responsible for one-third of the country's total air space and are striking over a £1.2 million claim for back

payments in overtime money.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Spanish Government said it was difficult to see how an agreement could be reached with the strikers to avoid next week's threatened stoppage because they had already broken an earlier undertaking not to take action until after a meeting with both sides.

Foreign Office officials in London as yet have not contacted the Spanish authorities

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## Waiting for London's super traffic snarl-up

By John Spicer

West London, Wednesday, rush-hour. Weather: warm, muggy, with a slight drizzle. Road surface: treacherous. Time: 4.54pm. Place: junction of Earls Court and Cromwell roads.

About 2,200 vehicles an hour are moving west on the A4, 2,300 are travelling eastbound and 1,100 southbound across the east-west artery.

A lorry laden with caged metal drums, heading south on Earls Court Road at less than 20mph, attempts to turn right across the path of another lorry loaded with timber.

The resulting collision sees drums fall into road and following vehicles collide with lorries and each other, leaving the junction totally blocked.

Although it could happen anywhere, this is one possible scenario for the "inevitable" super traffic jam which, it is believed, will one day soon lock up London's traffic like a giant jigsaw puzzle.

The jam will travel eastwards at about 4mph. By 5.22pm, Hyde Park Corner will be locked solid. Traffic will be at a standstill at Victoria from 5.30pm and at Marble Arch from 5.33pm.

In the opposite direction, the Hammersmith gyratory system will be at a standstill from 5.10pm. The jam will travel south down Warwick Road to block all traffic arteries between Cromwell Road and the Thames by 5.15pm.

Further north, the Holland Park

roundabout and Shepherds Bush (leading out to the M41) will be immobilised by 5.30pm. By 5.40pm, a total of about 5,000 vehicles will be stationary, jamming more than 20 miles of roads.

This computerized scenario, by Dr Martin Mogridge, of the transport studies group at University College, London, is being used in a research paper, being investigated by the Department of Transport's road research laboratory, to show how a minor incident will eventually lock-up the capital's traffic.

Details are published in the latest issue of the magazine of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Dr Mogridge blames planners for bringing about a crisis which Londoners have yet to realize.

He concludes after computerized analysis of traffic flows in London in the past 20 years that traffic planners have failed to recognize that the problems cannot be cured by increasing road space.

He says that they have failed to grasp the problem of the human factor. By easing congestion the problem is made worse by people taking advantage of the temporary improvement.

Dr Mogridge, acknowledged as one of Britain's leading traffic specialists, argues that the number of people who travel by car is variable.

The decision to use or not to use a vehicle is taken according to how long

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## Eurotunnel poised for £5bn boost

The Channel Tunnel project is likely to take an important step forward this week, when 50 international banks are expected to announce that they have underwritten £5 billion in financing for the fixed-rail link.

Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium, hopes to begin work on the British side in January.

Efforts will now focus on spreading support for the project among a wider spectrum of banks.

The decisive stage will come in November, when the organizers will ask investors to put up £750 million to buy shares, at the so-called Equity 3 stage. The £5 billion in bank finance itself depends on the equity issue achieving success.

In its early stages, Eurotunnel found it difficult to secure financial backing, but after the arrival of Mr Alastair Morton as the British chairman there has been an increasing air of confidence.

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## Degree course vacancies

Today's Degree Course Vacancies Service covers humanities, social sciences, modern languages, engineering, technology and maths. Page 15

## Portfolio Gold

Seven readers shared the £20,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition at the weekend.

The £16,000 prize in the weekly contest, double the usual amount as there was no winner the previous weekend, was shared by six readers, while the £4,000 daily prize was won outright.

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# Massacre prompts new crackdown on television violence

By David Sapsed

The Government is going to take wide-ranging action in the wake of the Hungerford massacre to curb the amount of sex and violence shown on television.

Ministers, who are already in discussion with the television authorities over ways to reduce sex and violence, are now thought to be ready to lay down far stricter guidelines on what can be shown and to give extended legal powers to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission to act against the companies.

Downing Street said yesterday: "Clearly, things such as the Hungerford massacre do not happen without the lessons being taken on board by the Government."

The television companies themselves acted swiftly to cancel overtly violent programmes in the immediate aftermath of Hungerford. The BBC cancelled the Canadian film *Black Christmas* on Friday because it featured a psychopath killing female college students, and it has also abandoned a showing next month of *Body Contact*, a gangland love story with "stylized gun play". That film also had its showing at the Edinburgh Festival cancelled over the weekend.

Several independent television companies changed the episode of *The Professionals* on Friday because it featured a sniper causing mayhem, and swapped the bloody feature film *Nevada Smith* on Sat-

is no clear-cut case linking sex and violence on TV with what actually happens in real life. Opinion has been divided over the subject for years.

Gifts continued to flood in to the Hungerford Tragedy Appeal Fund yesterday, with the figure running in excess of £70,000 by the end of the day.

Amounts ranged from as little as 2p from children's pocket money, to cheques for up to £10,000.

A spokesman for the fund said that it had been taking advice from the organizers of the Bradford Fire Appeal Fund. "Many of the local building societies have offered their advice on how to deal with the money and we hope that in the coming week we can start to set up trustees and assessors", he said. Proceeds from a dog show and fête held on Hungerford Common yesterday also went to the fund, and a member of the Rootes family gave £5,000. A local garage has given a £5,000 Nissan car.

Hungerford's twin town of Lignell, near Tours in France, has also contributed to the fund.

However, this is unlikely to convince ministers anxious to be seen to be taking action in the aftermath of Hungerford.

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Nevertheless, ministers see those and other cancellations - and the television companies agree - as nothing more than an acknowledgment of the insensitive nature of the programmes immediately after Hungerford, rather than a sign of a long-term purge on violence.

London Weekend Television said yesterday: "There

is no clear-cut case linking sex and violence on TV with what actually happens in real life. Opinion has been divided over the subject for years.

"Obviously, we and the other independent companies will look at things very carefully in the future and there may be policy changes but, certainly, no decisions have been made yet."

The BBC said: "When there is a major human tragedy, the BBC, as a matter of course, reviews its schedules in case there is anything inappropriate". A report earlier this month had shown a decline in the amount of sex and violence on television.

Mr Michael Grade, BBC director of programmes, said that the two programmes were cancelled because it was considered "inappropriate and insensitive to transmit these films at present". He added that the BBC had a long-term commitment to get rid of gratuitous sex and violence.

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Relatives of Mr Roly Mason and his wife, Sheila, both of whom were killed by Michael Ryan, attending yesterday's service (Photograph: Deezil McNeelance).

## Firearms laws depend on honesty

By Paul Eastham

Tougher restrictions on firearms certificates apply in Northern Ireland than in the rest of the United Kingdom, but both systems ultimately rely on the honesty of applicants, an investigation by *The Times* has concluded.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said full firearms certificates are required not only for rifles and semi-automatic weapons, as in Britain, but also for air rifles and shotguns.

"To a certain extent you have to accept what people

say. The details are checked to the best of police ability. But it's a difficult responsibility and I don't think you can guarantee 100 per cent in anything", the RUC said.

"To make the law watertight you would have to ban weapons altogether but even that wouldn't solve the problem."

In Northern Ireland an individual is permitted to own only one rifle or semi-automatic weapon. Weapons cannot be kept at home and must be stored in an approved

armoury such as a gun club.

The number of all weapons, including shotguns, in circulation is restricted to 93,000, each identified by its serial number. Most weapons in circulation are second-hand.

Each gun owner must sell his or her weapon, surrender it to the authorities or destroy it before obtaining another.

It is illegal to buy guns by mail order in Ulster. And while authorized import-export dealers in Britain can get a section 5 certificate

for automatic and machine-guns, this is not available in Ulster, where such weapons can only be held legally by official security forces.

Constabulary and Special Branch computer records of previous convictions, even minor or spent ones, dating back to childhood are checked. In Britain, officers check that weapons and ammunition stored at home are in immobile metal containers. Checks are conducted on the authorized places where shooting will take place.

## Anger and guilt as dazed callers contact help line

By Howard Foster

The telephones in the makeshift office of the Hungerford family help unit rang with a sad regularity yesterday, as the town's residents started to come to terms with the emotional and practical impact of the gun massacre that killed 16 people.

By last night, a rather tired Mr John Smith, of the Berkshire social services department, and his team of volunteer social workers and counsellors had dealt with about fifty calls for help.

They expect that total to run into the hundreds during the coming weeks as the market town comes out of the daze that descended upon it with Michael Ryan's arrival in the main street last Wednesday at lunchtime.

"The next few weeks look as if they will be very very busy", Mr Smith said.

"The variety of reactions and calls for help is as different as the number of people affected."

There have been practical calls from relatives of the dead who cannot deal with arranging the funeral. Some people need help with getting to hospitals to visit the injured.

"As well as offering all the practical assistance we can we are also starting to talk to these people about their feelings on what has happened. There is another group of people not injured but who

have been very much affected by events. Some were shot at or close to those who were killed and who saw their bodies."

"We have had people asking us to go to their homes to talk to them about feelings of guilt. They think they should have done more to help. This is totally unrealistic."

Mr Smith said: "We have a lot of people who are extremely upset. This is manifesting itself in a number of different ways and there is still a tremendous amount to come out which could take weeks or months."

"There is guilt, anger and bewilderment. We do not need specialist facilities and we are trying not to make it a medical problem", Mr Smith said.

"People need reassurance and to be told it is natural to feel this way. The stuff British upper lip is, for some people, the worst thing possible."

Mr Smith, who has had at least four volunteers working with him in his office since Friday, said that his team had detected widespread anger on Friday and Saturday when the possibility that Ryan might be buried in Hungerford, even next to his victims, was considered.

There was much relief when his family announced that his body would be buried in a town in Wiltshire.

## Murders haunt survivor on return home

One of the first survivors of the Hungerford massacre to be released from hospital is finding difficulty in staying in her family home only yards from where a couple were shot dead by Michael Ryan.

Miss Myra Geater, aged 17, was in the sitting room of her family home in Priory Road when Ryan emerged from the house opposite, where he had shot Myrtle and Jack Gibbs.

Miss Geater's boyfriend, Mr Richard Nelson, dived for cover as Ryan shot through the window and hit Miss Geater in the leg.

Yesterday, Mr Brian Geater said his daughter found it almost impossible to stay at home because of memories of the shooting.

## Killer's link with rape is ruled out

By David Sapsed

Police trying to discover why Michael Ryan turned into a mass murderer have practically discounted any link between the Hungerford shootings and the rape the previous Sunday of a pensioner in Newbury.

Although forensic science tests have yet to be completed, police said last night that detectives had re-interviewed the woman, who lives less than eight miles from Hungerford, and consider it only a "very remote" possibility that Ryan was responsible.

A Sunday newspaper report that Ryan was storing petrol bombs at his home is being disregarded.

## Research into power of the pen 'lacking'

Britain should be ashamed of its lack of progress in handwriting research, the first British symposium on graphology was told at Oxford at the weekend.

Mr Nigel Bradley, one of five British speakers at the conference, said: "There are three associations promoting the study in Britain, but widespread interest has resulted in hundreds of individuals making vast, simplistic assumptions."

"For example, missing dots on the letter 't' are claimed to show a self-sufficient person and a downward sloping bar on the letter 'e' an aggressive personality, but where is the research to back this up?"

The symposium, which drew 150 people from 10 countries, covered subjects such as psychoanalysis and graphology. Ardler's typology of priorities and psychograms as a tool for research.

Specialists from the United States and West Germany tackled even more critical subjects, such as the difference that pen construction might make and the difficulties of proving that graphological findings are in fact accurate.

It is claimed that about 1,200 companies in Britain make use of graphologists to recruit personnel. Miss Gloria Hargreaves said that she was consulted regularly by a division of Trust House Forte, and by Dartington Glass and Mellors Confectionery.

But most graphologists were reluctant to name clients, who still fear ridicule or suspicion. "How would you like to know your career had been ruined by a handwriting expert with no known qualifications looking at your writing?" Mr Paul Ferguson, research officer of the British Institute of Graphologists, and organizer of the conference, said.

Other possible applications included medical diagnosis and career and marriage guidance. The graphologists said they were sometimes approached by the police, but handwriting evidence in court was usually acceptable only in cases of forgery.

What intrigues graphologists more than the forensic mechanics of handwriting is the psychology which dictates the flow of the pen.

The British institute, which has about 170 members and sets examinations, hopes to gain more widespread acceptance for the subject.

## Middle-class girls get warning of Aids risk from first sexual act

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Some young men and women have been infected with the Aids virus during their first act of sexual intercourse, according to a leading specialist.

A "fatal complacency" among the general population about the risks of the disease could be increased if the Government's next publicity campaign is misdirected, Dr David Miller said.

The belief that the disease was limited to high-risk groups such as homosexuals and intravenous drug abusers was wrong, Dr Miller, senior clinical psychologist at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London, said.

Increasing numbers of men and women who were not in either of those groups are being infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes the disease. They included "nice young middle-class girls" who were not promiscuous.

Dr Miller discloses in his book, *Living with Aids and HIV*, published this week, that some of his patients became

infected after their first act of sexual intercourse.

Although the last government campaign had succeeded in increasing public awareness of Aids, it had failed to persuade people to change their sexual behaviour, he said yesterday.

Large numbers went to clinics to have blood tests for signs of HIV infection after the campaign but for the wrong reasons.

"They were looking for a result that would give them a clean bill of health to take into future relationships", he said.

"I am concerned that the next campaign, focusing on homosexuals and drug abusers, will reinforce the belief that only those groups are really at risk, and contribute towards a fatal complacency."

"The risks to the general heterosexual population are still comparatively small, but we cannot be complacent. If we are, an epidemic among heterosexuals will become a reality."

Dr Miller said one of the

flaws of the last campaign was that although it advised people to reduce the number of their sexual partners, it did not emphasize sufficiently the need for "safer sex".

In his book, Dr Miller encourages people who have Aids or have HIV infection without illness to develop positive attitudes towards their condition, and to learn to live with it rather than assume the worst.

"There is no question that having Aids is a very serious matter indeed. The early statistics concerning mortality from Aids have been frightening."

"However, with the developments of new treatments in more recent times, people with Aids are living longer, and with a better quality of life."

"People with Aids are not always the wasted, scarred and pitiful wretches that the papers would have us believe", the book says.

*Living with Aids and HIV* (Macmillan; £20.00 hardback, £7.95 paperback).

## Medical scans

By Robert Matthews

## 3D technique for tumours

Scientists at Imperial College, London, have developed a technique for producing three-dimensional X-ray images of tumours, enabling surgeons to visualize tumours in patients.

Even the most sophisticated medical scanners can produce only flat images of the body; three-dimensional structure has to be inferred by specialists by mentally combining a set of flat images taken as successive "slices" through the body.

However, the three-dimensional image can be difficult even for experts to visualize.

A team under Professor Chris Dainty at Imperial College's physics department has built a computer-controlled machine that automatically converts the slices taken by a scanner into a hologram displaying the full three-dimensional appearance of the part of the body being studied.

The machine is based on

techniques first investigated at Sussex County Hospital shortly after the invention of the hologram in the 1960s.

A beam of laser light is split in two, with one beam shining through a photographic transparency of one of the scanner slices.

The other, known as the reference beam, bypasses the transparency, but re-combines with the first beam. The pattern of interference is captured on a light-sensitive plate.

The process is repeated for each slice in turn, the laser source being moved by exactly the same distance as that moved by the body scanner in taking the slice.

The result is a holographic image of all the slices, of which the interference pattern records both the light intensity and shape of the original object.

According to Dr Kaveh Bazargan at Imperial College,

a three-dimensional image can be generated from a set of slides in less than an hour.

"The chief advantage is that the images can be seen in true 3D. You can look around it and get a feel for its true shape."

He said that images of medical disorders such as tumours can be displayed using the technique, enabling surgeons to gain a better understanding of the extent of the operation needed.

Trials of the technique, known as holographic multiplexing, have brought favourable reactions from doctors in Britain and the United States. Dr Bazargan said.

He sees a particularly big market for the technique in computer-aided design, where images of, for example, buildings produced on a visual display unit can be converted into holograms. That would obviate the need to build models costing thousands of pounds, Dr Bazargan said.

## MP aims at college simplicity

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

A Labour MP is to conduct a one-man campaign to persuade universities and polytechnics to merge their central admissions systems into one "user-friendly" service.

Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour education spokesman, believes it would be simpler for students, parents, teachers, careers advisers and the colleges if the Universities Central Council on Admissions and the Polytechnics Central Admissions System, which are both based in Cheltenham, were merged into a single service.

He is planning to consult university vice-chancellors, college directors, student, parent and teaching organizations and educational experts on his proposals and then present his findings to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

He said yesterday: "Students and their parents will be going through a confusing, anxious and probably expensive time at the moment, as the hunt for college places heats up. It could be so much simpler for all concerned."

"Students should be able to pick courses on the basis of their all-round suitability, whether they want to follow a purely academic course or take a more vocational, practical approach."

"At the moment the pressure is on to get a place at all costs and often the question of suitability does not arise until later, causing drop-outs and wasted opportunities."

"We should ensure that the admissions system is user-friendly, geared to the needs of the students and not just to the colleges."

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## More unemployed get jail terms

Unemployment is causing a sentencing shift by magistrates and is leading to more people being sent to prison, according to a report published today.

The report, by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, is based on about 500 cases involving property offenders at six courts in different parts of the country.

It shows that at the courts studied, unemployed offenders were less likely to be fined.

As a result, some moved down the sentencing "ladder" and received conditional discharges, or compensation orders with no other sentence; others received community service or probation orders instead of fines.

But at the top end of the scale a few unemployed offenders were more likely to be imprisoned. In border-line cases magistrates were more likely to suspend prison sentences on employed people to enable them to keep their jobs.

Unemployment and Magistrates' Courts (Nacro, 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PU; £4.50).

## One in seven car tyres dangerous, says report

More than one in seven of the 10 million cars on the roads this Bank Holiday weekend will be travelling on dangerous tyres, says a report published yesterday.

The report, *Treading Dangerously*, also claims that only about 5 per cent of motorists know what the legal tyre standards are.

Prepared by the tyre specialists, National Tyres, the report combines the results of a national poll among motorists, to test their knowledge of the law and tyre safety, and data from checks on more than 6,000 cars.

Of the 6,119 cars surveyed 912 - 15 per cent - had one

The report found that where magistrates were considering imprisonment, the employed had an advantage and the unemployed sometimes tended to be sent immediately to prison.

The report also found that employment considerations influenced the type of sentence (as distinct from the amount or terms of a fine) in about 10 per cent of the cases.

Sentences could be affected by the desire of magistrates not to jeopardize someone's job, especially if they had dependents.

When fines were imposed, unemployed were more likely to fail to pay fines and then to end up in prison for default.

The report proposed that offenders on social security should be offered the option of paying fines through attachment of benefit.

Typical faults included excessive tread wear and sidewall damage. Faulty tyres can lead to blowouts at speed and reduce manoeuvring and stopping ability.

In the poll, Gallup questioned nearly 1,000 motorists, and found that half think they know the legal standard, while only one in 20 actually do, and that around one in five admit they never check their tyres, while 13 per cent only do so annually.

## TV soaps will float bubbles

By Lynda Murdin

Originators of *Brookside*, Channel Four's only soap opera, are planning to float a new television concept - the bubble.

*Brookside* bubbles will take characters out of the main action and develop storylines into separate short series.

They will still relate to events in the parent programme, unlike offshoots from American soap operas such as *Knots Landing* and *The Colbys* which achieved independence.

If the experiment, expected

to start in November, proves successful it could lead to other television channels blowing bubbles out from their long-running soaps.

"It might well create a new pattern of spin-offs", predicted Channel Four commissioning editor Peter Ansorge.

"The point of it is twofold: it is to tell a story in depth about characters that you don't have time to do in the context of two weeks in the series. It should also stand as a drama on its own with a possibility as well

of attracting people to watch *Brookside*."

In addition to examining residents of a close in Liverpool in greater detail, mini-series will allow characters to leave their native city. Subject to final approval, the first three-part bubble will feature the elopement of Damon Grant with his girlfriend.

The idea was conceived by *Brookside* creator Phil Redmond and other writers are said to be watching with interest.

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## Two surviving babies 'still very poorly'

The two surviving septuplets at Liverpool Maternity Hospital were described as "still very poorly" by a hospital spokesman yesterday (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Kane and Laura Halton are still on ventilators.

Their mother, Mrs Susan Halton, is being treated for blood clots, which can occur after multiple births by caesarean section.

A mother who used a fertility drug has given birth to quadruplets.

The babies, three boys and a girl, were born at Lincoln County Hospital on Friday to Mrs Lynn Eyre, of Tobruk Close, Lincoln.



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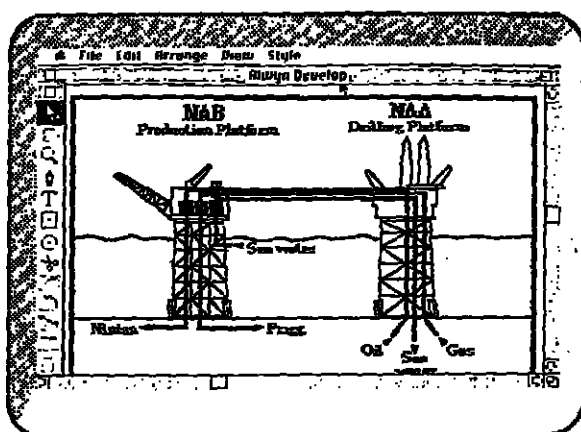
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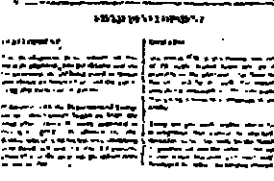
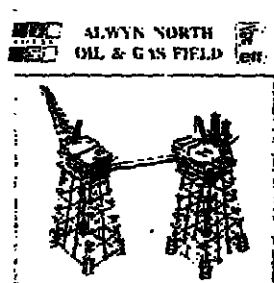
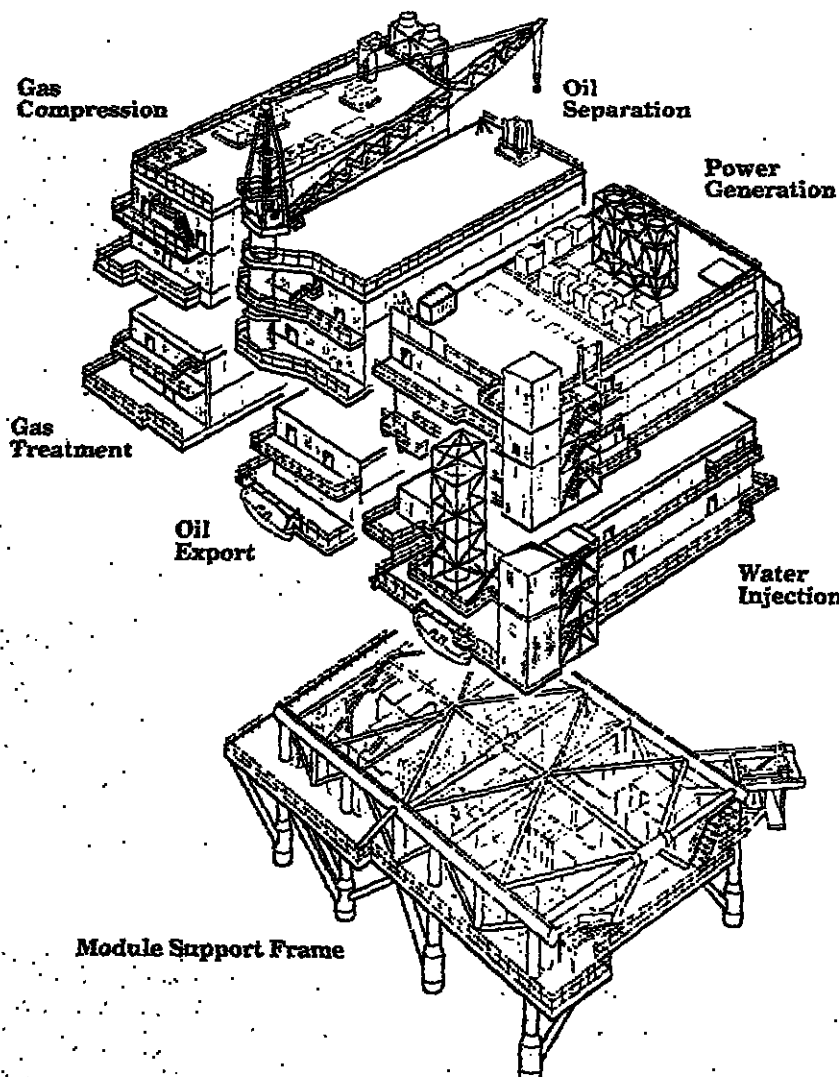
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## Nursing shortage: 1

## NHS paying huge bills for agency staff

Hospitals are under increasing pressure because of a dire shortage of permanent nursing staff. In the first of two articles, Jill Sherman looks at the growing use of agency nurses to fill the gaps.

The National Health Service spends at least £1 million a week hiring agency nurses to cover for holidays, sick leave and staff vacancies. The money, which would pay for 7,000 extra NHS nurses a year, is now increasingly spent on filling staff vacancies, particularly in the London area.

Hospitals with dangerously short-staffed intensive care units, such as the Brompton Hospital, St Thomas' Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, are crying out for agency nurses in spite of the extra cost.

Agencies charge hospitals between 10 and 25 per cent commission and managers say that for the cost of every two agency nurses, they could employ three NHS nurses. Theoretically, hospitals with severe shortages should be saving money, but many nurse managers argue that, because the NHS is now treating more patients more quickly, they have overestimated their nursing budgets by employing extra agency staff.

The latest figures from the Department of Health show that in 1985-86, the NHS spent £51 million on agency nurses and this year many authorities are spending more.

London takes the lion's share of the bill, with £37.22 million spent in the Greater London area during the same period.

North West Thames spent nearly £12 million in 1985-86 on agency staff but, in the last year, it has spent more than £15 million, an increase of 25 per cent. The region, which pays relatively low commission, spends about £12,800 on each agency nurse compared with £11,000 for employing a staff nurse earning £7,300.

Unlike locum agencies for doctors, nurse agencies are not allowed to pay staff above NHS rates of pay, although they can give extra perks such as transport costs or holidays. Even so, agency nurses,

particularly those with specialized training, are in short supply. Nurses do not want to work in London and the Home Counties because they cannot afford accommodation.

More than 30,000 nurses leave the NHS every year and some hospitals report a turnover of 60 per cent. As a result, many agencies are being propped up by nurses who "moonlight" for other hospitals — or sometimes their own.

Nurse managers are becoming increasingly concerned about staff who try to boost their income and ease shortages by working long hours and becoming over-tired.

The UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, which judges standards of professional conduct, is investigating an average two cases of serious professional blunders a month by over-tired nurses. A recent study in Hampstead, north London, showed that 80 per cent of trained nursing staff worked extra hours.

Hospitals are trying to overcome the difficulty by negotiating agreements with agencies to supply hospitals with their own nurses. This ensures continuity of care, saves time on briefing new nurses, and allows managers to watch for stress or sickness due to over-tiredness.

Miss Pam Hibbs, a nursing officer for the City and Hackney Health Authority, east London, has until recently refused to use any staff nurses at St Bartholomew's as agency nurses.

She said: "However, most of our nurses work for other hospitals and we get theirs, so I have given in, although I make sure that they only do one extra shift a week".

City and Hackney last year spent more than 10 per cent of its £22 million nursing budget on agency nurses, representing 364,559 hours. Miss Hibbs says that spending on nurses is "out of control".

The authority has decided to put a hospital-based agency out to competitive tender in an attempt to obtain the most cost-effective rates.

Other authorities, such as the Riverside district in west London, have already halved commission rates.

Tomorrow: keeping nurses.

## Labour authority arrests fishing port's decline

## Marina is key to inner city revival

By Peter Davenport

Mr David Eglesfield, a retired Civil Servant and his wife, Hazel, from the leafy environs of Broadstairs in Kent, have finally found the second home they have been searching for as a base to enjoy their new leisure time.

It is on the site of a once disused and derelict dock in the heart of the inner city of Hull, the once booming fishing port at the mouth of the Humber on the east coast.

The couple had not been to the city before reading a newspaper article about the transformation of the old Humber and Railway Docks into a modern marina for yachts and leisure craft with surrounding housing schemes.

They climbed into their car, drove almost three hundred miles and were so impressed by what they saw that they decided to buy a one-bedroom flat on the market in a development by the Benzer Homes Company, alongside a boat building yard by the marina, for £20,750.

Their decision to buy and their obvious delight at the location of their new home is a testimony to the vision and work of Hull's Labour authority in its determination to improve its run-down inner city and change the traditional image of dereliction that accompanied the decline of its deep sea fishing industry.

Mr Eglesfield, aged 60, said: "I had seen the transformation of St Katharine's Dock in London, and when I saw what they were doing in Hull I was impressed. Some people would not have been prepared to make a 600-mile round trip in a day but we were."

There are new award-winning hotels, wise bars, restaurants and shops in buildings once abandoned, which have been restored and are interesting and attractive.

The pride of the whole scheme is the marina which involved £3 million of reclamation work. It will have 350 berths and the take-up has been substantially in excess of projections.

Mr Kevin Marshall is Hull's inner area development officer, whose department is co-ordinating the regeneration works.

He said: "The provision of a marina in dockland development schemes now seems obligatory. However, apart from the St Katharine's Dock scheme the concept of an urban marina in the late 1970s was new territory and that such a scheme should be proposed for Hull drew more than its fair share of sceptics."

They, it is now fair to say, have been confounded.

There is no government agency such as an inner city task force or urban development corporation in Hull, although it was designated as an inner city programme area 10 years ago, which meant that it could apply for government aid. Whatever success it has achieved has been at its own instigation.

However, it has successfully and ruthlessly used government or European Community money that has been available to develop its programmes. Its funding under the Department of the Environment's inner city programme has been almost doubled, from £2.8 million a year to £5 million although the increase was, ironically, announced just a few days before the city was rate capped by Mr Nicholas Ridley.

There are encouraging signs that the good work is beginning to pay benefits. The hope is that now the environment has been radically improved and people are returning to live in the inner city new jobs and new industry will not be far behind.

Landowners in the South-east are taking an increasing share of the profits from new housing at the expense of the builders, a report on housing demand states.

It is the main reason for the increase in the cost of housing in the South-east and East Anglia, rather than the shortage of land which builders claim is the cause, according to a paper on the Suffolk county structure plan.

Mr Edwin Barritt, Suffolk county planning officer, argues that since the mid-1970s the prices of new houses have increased at a similar rate across the whole of England, excluding Greater London, and that new house prices are related to income, which imposes a limit.

Housing land prices have not, however, increased at similar rates across the country and now form a much greater proportion of the price of new houses in some areas.

That should be of prime concern to builders who should press for more land to be released by the planning authorities, he said.

The prime question is how landowners can be persuaded to sell more land for housing, at lower prices, Mr Barritt concludes.



Mr Kevin Marshall at Hull marina: "The port's regeneration has confounded our critics".

The decision of Mr and Mrs Eglesfield is a tribute to the remarkable transformation of Hull's inner city and its derelict docklands.

Twelve years ago it presented a typical picture of decline and dereliction familiar to many other northern cities. There were fewer than twenty people living in the entire area. Today there are perhaps 3,000 residents in 1,150 new houses and flats.

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## Electronic signs may ease jams

By Rodney Cowton and Daniel Ward

Lengthy hold-ups every day on the M25 London orbital, one of the busiest motorways in the world, are forcing traffic authorities to consider new measures to sort out the jams.

Traffic has shown big increases in the past 12 months on many of the motorway's 29 sections, in some cases rising by about a third.

A report on electronic signs which could provide motorists with advanced information of accidents and traffic jams is being prepared for the Department of Transport.

Surrey police support the use of programmable signs on slip roads and carriageways to give more information to drivers facing daily delays on the busiest sections of the 120 mile orbital motorway.

Remotely controlled computerized signs have already been introduced at the M4/M5 interchange near Bristol. In America research shows that the signs can bring a 45 per cent increase in rush hour traffic flow and a 20 per cent drop in accidents.

An experiment using traffic lights at the Wolverhampton junction on the M6 motorway to control the flow of vehicles on to the busy motorway at peak periods has almost been completed by the Department of Transport.

Traffic lights restricting the flow of traffic on to the highly congested south-west section of the M25 in the peak periods could ease the problems brought by too many junctions encouraging local traffic to use the motorway. But there are no immediate plans to introduce lights on slip roads leading to the M25.

Latest figures from the

Department of Transport show the average weekday traffic flow around the whole of the western section of the M25 from the M3 in Surrey to the M1 in the north exceeds 100,000 vehicles a day. On the section immediately west of Heathrow, flows are as high as 142,000 a day.

Proposals are being drawn up to widen two sections of the M25 between Staines and Chertsey, south west of Heathrow, from three lanes to four. However, the Department of Transport's general policy is to say that it will carry out a full scale review of the M25 in the autumn.

The design capacity for a three lane rural motorway is about 80,000 vehicles a day, but of the 29 sections of the M25, only five have traffic densities below 80,000. Another 18 sections have flows of 90,000 or more.

A year ago there were only six stretches with flows of more than 90,000 a day.

The sections with relatively small traffic flows are in Essex and Kent, in the vicinity of the Dartford tunnel. Some sections show very large increases in traffic during the past 12 months. On the stretch between the M4 and the M40 flows have increased by roughly a third.

The British Road Federation said yesterday that comparisons showed that some sections of the motorway were operating at twice the levels forecast by the Department of Transport.

The federation said the possibilities of widening sections or duplicating the motorway should be looked at immediately.

## Holiday plea for poor

The Child Poverty Action Group is calling for a regular holiday bonus so those on supplementary benefit can have a break from home.

A CPAG report published today says: "The better-off with high salaries and varied travel opportunities, living in large houses in healthy environments, often enjoy several holidays a year — while the low paid and unemployed, who are perhaps most in need of a break, cannot afford to go away".

A guide showing elderly people how to repair, maintain and heat their homes is published today by Age Concern and the National Housing and Town Planning Council. They say home improvement grants have been increased by more than half since 1984 and social security payments for essential repairs are being abolished.

Owning your Home in Retirement (Age Concern England, 60 Piccadilly Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL; £1.50).



## WORLD SUMMARY

## Sacked minister on land charges

Ottawa — A former Minister in the Government, Mr André Bissollette, faces six charges of criminal misconduct, including one of bribery, after a six-month police investigation of a series of spectacular land deals in his Quebec constituency (John Best writes). He vehemently denied the allegations when he was charged in St-Jean, Quebec.

The Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, dismissed Mr Bissollette as Minister of State for Transport earlier this year after it was disclosed that a parcel of land at St-Jean had tripled in value to nearly \$25 million over an 11-day period in January, 1986. The buyer was Oerlikon Aerospace, which in June last year was awarded a billion-dollar contract to build a low-level air defence system for Canadian military bases in Europe. Oerlikon, a subsidiary of the Swiss arms manufacturer, has now built the factory.

## Curbs at airports

Washington — After the big rise in mid-air near-collisions, the Department of Transportation has named nine more airports where tighter restrictions are to be imposed (Christopher Thomas writes). They are: Dulles International, near Washington DC; Baltimore-Washington International; Charlotte-Douglas International in North Carolina; Tampa International and Orlando International in Florida; Memphis International; Salt Lake City International; William H. Hobby in Houston; and Phoenix International.

## Fraud jury deadlock

Los Angeles — The more than two-month courtroom battle between the convicted murderer Jeffrey MacDonald and the author Joe McGinniss, who wrote *Fatal Vision*, the best-seller about his life, ended after jurors said that they were deadlocked on the doctor's \$15 million (\$9.3 million) fraud claim against the writer (Ivor Davis writes).

According to the author Joseph Wambaugh, the future of non-fiction writing in America was hanging on the jury's deliberations. The judge said the case might have to be tried again.

## Customs rules change

Moscow — The Soviet authorities are conducting a thorough revision of their customs regulations and procedures, the head of the main state Customs Control Board, Mr Vladimir Bazovsky, said yesterday (Mary Dejevsky writes). In an interview in *Pravda*, Mr Bazovsky said the changes were designed to update and simplify the regulations and make the service more efficient. He also admitted that the customs service had harboured corrupt employees. However, there is an effort to purge them, he said, and a number had already been dismissed and were awaiting trial.

The complexity of the Soviet regulations, which have been amended many times since they were promulgated in 1964, and the inconsistency with which they are often interpreted have been a cause of vexation to tourists and businessmen alike and lead to long queues at ports and airports.

## Minister released

Abidjan, Ivory Coast (AP) — President Houphouët-Boigny has announced that his kidnapped Minister of Transport, Mr Aoussou Koffi, has been found in good health.

The President's announcement, read on state-controlled radio, was the first official word on the kidnapping since the minister was abducted at gunpoint last Sunday night.

The announcement gave no details of how Mr Koffi's release had been secured, nor any indication of whether there had been any arrests.

## Killing with kindness

Gibraltar — Rising tourism is threatening the future of the 70 Barbary apes of Gibraltar. Close human contact with the monkeys has been directly linked to a rise in deaths and disease and a drop in their birth rate (Dominique Searle writes).

A viral pneumonia epidemic this month infected one of Gibraltar's two monkey parks, that at Queen's Gate, killing at least two. Queen's Gate is a popular tourist stop-off point and Dr John Fa, a monkey specialist working at the National University in Mexico, said cross-infection resulting from the close human contact was to blame.

## White House move to placate right

## Reagan to demand aid for rebels against communism

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan, clearly determined to placate conservatives who fear he is moving towards appeasement policies, plans this week to revive the so-called Reagan doctrine for aiding "democratic insurgents" fighting communist regimes around the world.

In a speech on US-Soviet relations to be delivered in Los Angeles on Wednesday, Mr Reagan, who is on holiday at his California ranch, intends specifically to demand that the United States must continue aiding the Nicaraguan Contras and to declare continued support for the anti-communist insurgents in Afghanistan.

Conservative Republicans have become increasingly outspoken about what they perceive as Mr Reagan's softening on key issues because he has been so politically weakened by the Iran-Contra scandal.

## Fear of sabotage to Guatemala pact

Caracas (Reuters) — Foreign ministers from 13 Latin American countries, meeting in the Venezuelan capital, have created a commission to verify compliance with the recent Central American peace accord, but Nicaragua said that the United States could try to sabotage the pact.

The panel's 10 members are the foreign ministers of the Contadora group (Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama), its support group (Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay) and the secretary-generals or senior representatives of the United Nations and Organization of American States (OAS).

The pact, signed two weeks ago in Guatemala City by Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica, sets a three-month ceasefire deadline to end regional civil wars that have left about 100,000 people dead.

"We think everyone wants to comply," said Father Miguel d'Escoto, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister. "But it remains to be seen what types of pressures the US will exert on some people so they don't comply."

Under the accord, US aid to Contra rebels must cease by November 7.

Latin American diplomats speculated that Honduras, through which much US Contra aid is funnelled, might be

## Patrol commanders expected to liaise over minesweeping operations

## US splits convoy on voyage south

From Robert Fisk  
Dubai

Undisturbed by the Iranians, the Americans yesterday split their latest Gulf convoy into two parts and sailed down the sea lanes towards the Strait of Hormuz with the mine-damaged supertanker Bridgeton, escorted by a single frigate, at least 100 miles in front of three other US-flagged Kuwaiti ships.

Last night, the helicopter-carrier Guadalcanal, which had hitherto cruised off Bahrain and its mine-clearing Sea Stallion helicopters to search for mines in the channel west of Farsi, suddenly appeared some 60 miles off Dubai in the company of the guided-missile frigate LaSalle. She was heading north-west — as if returning up the Gulf — but her helicopters were seen flying low over the sea along the route which the Bridgeton was likely to take during the night to reach the Strait of Hormuz.

The three gas-carriers in the second section of the convoy — the Sea Isle City, the Ocean King and the Gas King — and their escorting frigates, Hawes and Klakring, sailed in radio silence down the Gulf, nor was any radio traffic heard from the Bridgeton.

The decision to separate the convoy was made in the waters 30 miles north of Bahrain; the Bridgeton, which is by far the largest of the Kuwaiti vessels, was sent on ahead probably because its size and cargo of crude oil made it the most "expedient" of the ships in the

event that the sea lanes had again been mined.

The gas-carriers could explode if they were struck by mines — the convoy would at least be forced to halt — while the Bridgeton, which was mined last month on its first passage up the Gulf to Kuwait, could continue at low speed or put into Dubai for repairs. The American frigate Kidd could be observed yesterday afternoon, following in the wake of the Bridgeton as she steamed towards the Strait at about 12 knots.

There were some hours of confusion yesterday when the Iranian news agency IRNA announced that a US Navy helicopter carrying nine American journalists and photographers had crashed in the Gulf with the loss of at least five lives. In a dispatch of almost lip-smacking enthusiasm, IRNA, at first claimed that one of Iran's naval vessels had found five corpses from the helicopter which had been carrying, so the agency claimed, an American television crew.

In fact, a helicopter carrying nine journalists did leave Bahrain on Saturday night for a US frigate off the coast but their departure coincided with two other incidents: the recovery of a crashed US helicopter that fell into the Gulf more than two weeks ago and an explosion next to a fishing boat carrying nine men, all believed to be Iranians, not far from the Iranian coast. The combination of distress calls and US naval logistics signals over the two helicopters apparently

confused the Iranians into thinking that America had suffered another disaster.

● No plan: Britain's minesweeping force will arrive in the Gulf next month without any plan having been co-ordinated with the Americans and French for dividing up the area for clearance operations (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

According to Whitehall sources, however, it is expected that the British commanding officer of the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol, to which the four minesweepers will be attached, will have on-the-spot meetings with the American and French admirals in the Gulf to draw up an informal programme.

Britain has told Washington that the four minesweepers will be restricted to sea areas patrolled by the Armilla warships, which do not go beyond the north of Bahrain, where the American Sea Stallion mine counter-measure helicopters are operating. The French have not indicated where their minesweepers, now on their way to the Indian Ocean, will operate.

The senior British naval officer is Captain Neil Rankin on the frigate, HMS Andromeda. Sources insisted yesterday that there was no question of the Ministry of Defence sending an admiral to take charge now that the Armilla Patrol was being boosted by the four minesweepers and another support ship.

Meanwhile, the British Govern-

ment will be waiting today to hear the results of the meeting in New York between Mr Jawad Larjani, the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister, and Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, on the key issue of the Security Council's Resolution 598 in July, ordering a ceasefire in the Gulf War.

Foreign Office sources said that if the meeting proved fruitless, as is feared, there would be an intensive diplomatic effort by Britain, France and the United States to push for a resolution demanding an international arms embargo.

British naval sources yesterday dismissed suggestions that the discovery in Malta last week of limpet mines under the hull of a motor yacht belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organization was in any way connected with the brief visit of the frigate HMS Broadwood.

● PARIS: M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Affairs Minister, said yesterday that Syria "is doing all it can to help free the French hostages held in Lebanon" (A Correspondent writes).

The declaration follows the release on Friday night of a video by the Islamic Jihad in which two hostages, M Jean-Paul Kaufman, a journalist, and M Marcel Carton, a diplomat, read from prepared texts. Mme Joëlle Kaufman, M Kaufman's wife, said that the video was "humiliating for all Frenchmen".

## Doubts grow as escort costs rise

From Christopher Thomas  
Washington

As the United States continues its biggest military build-up since the Vietnam War at a cost so far of \$1 million (\$517,000) a day, senior military officials are privately expressing concern that the US is becoming caught in a dangerous mission with no end in sight.

Some Navy officers are increasingly sceptical about President Reagan's repeated assertion that the tanker-escort operation in the Gulf is not open-ended. It is feared that the huge cost of the escorts may reduce resources for other naval operations.

Mr Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East, said yesterday that America's presence in the Gulf would remain as long as it was needed.

"I don't think it is an open-ended commitment because I don't think the war is going to endure all that long," he declared in a television interview.

More than 40 US vessels will eventually be in the Gulf and Arabian Sea, from the most sophisticated warships to a group of aged, wooden minesweepers that are having to be towed to the area from bases on the East and West coasts of the US.

The first month of US military escort activity in the Gulf cost \$30 million in extra operating costs, the Administration said. That included the cost of increased steaming time for ships and flying time for aircraft, the need for more repairs and the movement of large numbers of personnel.

Extra costs borne by the Army and Air Force were not included in the calculation. Neither were contributions from the Kuwaiti Government, which supplies some fuel for warships in the convoys.

If the escorts continue for a long time the Pentagon will probably seek more money from Congress.

One of the first casualties of a long-term commitment in the Gulf at current levels would be "naval" exercises around the world, according to Navy officials. Morale among the 20,000 men involved in the operations could also be a problem because of long, stressful periods.

There is evidence of feuding within the Navy and with other services about day-to-day operational questions, which is why the Pentagon has set up a new command based on an aircraft carrier assigned to the northern Arabian Sea.

It will have authority over the admiral currently in charge of the Middle East Task Force and will report directly to the Central Command based in Tampa, Florida.

## Hess burial ground under strong police guard



West German policemen patrolling in the cemetery at Wunsiedel, Bavaria, where Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy, is expected to be buried on Wednesday.

The cemetery was under strong guard yesterday after neo-Nazi demonstrations in and near the burial ground on Saturday (John England writes from Wunsiedel).

Herr Martin Oester, the police officer in charge, told a press conference that 23 of the 54 people arrested in Wunsiedel on Saturday were still in jail. The others had been released by an examining magistrate pending prosecutions against them.

Another three skinheads were arrested in the town yesterday.

The police had confiscated a number of offensive weapons, including an axe, knives and a catapult, he said. "But so far we have found no guns."

He said that the police had information that more neo-Nazis were on their way to Wunsiedel, although he could give no numbers nor was he able to say if foreigners were among them. "We believe that other groups are lying low until the burial as part of a planned operation," he added.

Police checkpoints had been set up covering all approaches to the town and anyone looking like a troublemaker was being stopped, searched and warned to leave the area. "We are demonstrating an

obvious police presence and anyone who comes to Wunsiedel for right-wing political purposes must reckon with being arrested," Herr Oester said.

Most of the neo-Nazis arrested came from Hamburg, Kiel and Berlin, he added, and many were members of the extreme right-wing *Ecke Workers' Party*. Only five of those detained were from Bavaria.

The police have about 300 men on duty in Wunsiedel and riot police from Munich are on standby in the area. "We have enough men to deal with any trouble," said Herr Roland Weber, a police spokesman. "Our tactic is to go in fast to nip any disturbance in the bud."

About 70 young neo-Nazis also held pro-Hess "vigils" on Saturday outside the British, American, French and Soviet embassies in Bonn. They distributed leaflets saying "He suffered for us".

When Hess will be buried in the family plot here will not be known until today when Herr Karl Walter, the Mayor, will announce the date.

But the burial is expected on Wednesday.

The Sunday newspaper, *Bild am Sonntag*, which is published by the Springer group to which Hess's son, Wolf-Rüdiger, has sold the exclusive rights to the story, said that Hess's wish to have the German national anthem played at his funeral service had

been refused by Pastor Peter Zeisler because it was not church music.

Hess's body yesterday was reported to be still at the forensic medicine institute of Munich University where it underwent a second post mortem examination last Friday at the order of his family. The first was performed by Professor Malcolin Cameron, a noted British pathologist, at the British Military Hospital in West Berlin.

Hess died in the hospital last Monday, aged 93, after he was found unconscious with an electrical cord around his neck in a summer house in the garden of Spandau Jail where he had been a prisoner for more than 40 years. Professor Cameron said Hess had died from choking.

Herr Hess told *Bild am Sonntag* that further forensic examinations of his father's body would be made by police experts in Munich. "They will determine if my father had an electrical cable in his hands," he said.

The paper said that the body would be taken to Wunsiedel only about one hour before the burial. About 80 family members and close friends would attend the service in the cemetery chapel and the burial.

Herr Hess was quoted as saying: "I am receiving continual telephone calls from so-called supporters of my father who want invitations to the burial."

## Madrid 'may talk with Eta'

From A Correspondent, Madrid

The Spanish Government may negotiate with the Basque terrorist organization Eta, until the negotiations start, Eta will continue its campaign of violence.

According to *Deia*, which has often been first to report Basque developments in the past, contacts with Eta began through the mediation of Señor Eugenio Etxebarria, a member of the radical Basque Herri Batasuna Party that sympathizes with Eta.

The newspaper added that such contact was more acceptable to the Ministry of Interior because it would see that the Spanish Government was negotiating with a political party and not a terrorist organization. However, according to *Deia*, until the negotiations start, Eta will continue its campaign of violence.

Seemingly to endorse this, Eta on Saturday failed in an attack on a garrison of Civil Guards and their 30 families at Deva, near San Sebastian on the northern Basque coast. The attack failed when two of eight grenade launchers on a hill a short way from the garrison misfired, alerting the guards.

There has also been no sign of a let-up in pressure on the Government by young Basque belonging to the Herri Batasuna Party. Attempts to force the Mayor of Bilbao to 'take down the Spanish flag from the town hall during

traditional Basque holidays culminated last Friday night in street violence in which 126 people were injured.

In the increasingly tense atmosphere, even moderate Basque politicians are now criticizing the Government. Señor Carlos Garaikotxea, the former president of the Basque Government and now the leader of a moderate Basque party, said yesterday it was a waste of time for the Government to order Basques to fly the Spanish flag.

He and Señor José Ardanza, the current president of the Basque Government, said they believed negotiations between the Spanish Government and Eta might already be in progress.

## Kremlin tackles ailing and corrupt health system

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet Government is to increase health spending by an average 30 per cent over the next two years in an emergency move to improve the standard of care, and has also set aside \$5.5 million to buy medical equipment.

The increased spending will be mainly to improve hospital food and to increase supplies of medicine, bed linen and dressings. Many patients are brought food daily by friends or relatives because hospital food is at present so poor.

Supplies of medicines and bandages are estimated to be 30 per cent below requirements, and disposable equipment — hypodermic syringes, surgical clothing and so on — is rarely available.

Prescription charges for children under three years of age are to be abolished, and a 50 per cent discount will be introduced on prescriptions for people with chronic illnesses. There have been complaints in the past that diabetics, for instance, were having to pay

large amounts for drugs that they needed on a long-term basis.

The measures, announced at the weekend, are part of the Government's effort to bring about a rapid increase in health provision, so improving the health of the population over the next 15 years. A draft programme identifying shortcomings and outlining the general direction of state health care up to the year 2000 was published last week.

Both the programme and recent newspaper articles present a disturbing picture of a corrupt and demoralized health service and a generation of young people who have no regular physical education, little access to sports facilities, and little nutritional knowledge.

According to one report, up to 70 per cent of young men fail the fitness test when they are called up for military service — or would do if the rules were not regularly ignored to accommodate them.

Poor standards of care in

## Gendarmes disperse Noumea protesters

From A Correspondent, Paris

French security police and local gendarmes used batons and tear gas at the weekend to disperse demonstrations by a pro-independence minority in the New Caledonian towns of Noumea and Thio.

Several other attempts by the indigenous Kanak independence movement, to go ahead with its banned protest march against the September 13 referendum on the future of the French territory in the South Pacific, also failed at the weekend.

The Kanak group is boycotting the referendum which will ask inhabitants to choose between independence

and remaining part of France. It claims the French Government is undermining the regional councils, on which the Kanaks have a majority, and depriving them of decision-making powers.

On Saturday, the movement made a television appeal to the President asking him as "head of the French Army" to take note of "repressive force" used by police against demonstrators.

M Bernard Pons, the Minister for Overseas Territories, replied in a television address that the Government was not one of "repression but of order".

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One reason Soviet doctors give for the country's poor record in obstetrics is the lack of ultrasonic scanners and foetal heart-monitoring equipment. This equipment, which is standard in the West, is to be found only in a few clinics in Moscow.

Moreover, those are Soviet figures, and the Soviet Union calculates perinatal mortality according to a system which, by its own recent admission, is not recognized by the World Health Organization and would otherwise be much higher.

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Last week, details were given of an outbreak of dysentery at Ussuriysk, in the far eastern part of Siberia, which had affected more than 2,000 people and caused nearly 300 to be admitted to hospital, most of them children. The cause was traced to infected *smetana* (soured cream) prepared in unsanitary conditions. The Ussuriysk outbreak was said to be one of several epidemics in the Russian Federation this year.

The prevalence of corruption in the medical sector has encouraged those who can afford it to turn to the few paying polyclinics in the large cities. New physiotherapy and medically supervised slimming clinics organized on co-operative principles are also proving popular.

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# Seoul police clash with militants

From A Correspondent  
Seoul

South Korean police fired tear gas at militant workers and students at the weekend in the most violent clash the capital has seen in six weeks. One worker at the giant Daewoo shipyard in the southern port of Kojé died from wounds caused by the tear gas.

The violence occurred as labour unrest continued to dog businesses around the country. About 2,000 workers and students throwing stones and petrol bombs clashed with at least 2,000 riot police at the gates of Yonsei University late on Saturday evening. Police used armoured tear-gas launchers to prevent the demonstrators from leaving the campus, the scene in June of some of the worst violence before the Government consented to sweeping democratic reforms.

Yesterday's rally marked the first joint demonstration of radical students and workers, paralyzing car and electronic factories, bus lines and shipyards in recent weeks. The Government has repeatedly warned it will take strong measures to keep "alien and impure elements" — a veiled reference to radical students — from politicizing labour strikes.

"I will deal even more sternly and resolutely with illegal and subversive activities by the leftists," President Chun said last week, "not only to safeguard our system and protect lives but also to ensure that democratic reforms are carried out as planned."

Universities begin the winter term on September 1, and there are widespread fears that students will use the start of school to resume anti-government demonstrations. Student protests in June caused the Government to agree to constitutional reforms and direct presidential elections.

The campuses have been



A student leader from South Korea's Yonsei University crying out as he is carried away by police during a weekend anti-government rally near Seoul's town hall and outside the Taehwan Gate. A shipyard worker was killed during another clash.

quiet since school closed for the summer at the height of the violence. The last protest in Seoul was on June 9 when police fired large amounts of tear gas during clashes sparked by the killing of a Yonsei University student with a tear-gas canister.

Saturday marked the 49th day of the student's death, the traditional closing of the Korean mourning period. About 20,000 people gathered at Yonsei to shout anti-Government slogans and burn effigies of President Reagan, President Chun, the presidential nominee Mr Roh Tae Woo and a riot policeman.

About 2,000 demonstrators, mostly workers, rallied yesterday at Yonsei, calling for

labour rights and the downfall of the dictatorship. As darkness fell, they marched to the university gates where police cordons blocked their path. They then began throwing stones and petrol bombs, lighting the night air.

Fountains of fire burst among the police, who were wearing protective shields and riot helmets. They began firing tear gas about 9pm, sending bystanders fleeing choking on the noxious fumes. Fighting continued for at least 90 minutes.

Meanwhile, striking workers at the Daewoo Shipbuilding and Heavy Industry yards, angered over the death of a colleague, yesterday beat up

one policeman and three journalists. Mr Lee Sok Gyu, joining 500 strikers, died when they tried to break through a police cordon outside a hotel where the company's executives had met on Saturday.

The Daewoo stoppage was in its thirteenth day with management still refusing to raise wages.

Korea's shipbuilding industry, now the world's largest, has suffered from excess capacity and a lack of orders for the past two years in the face of a worldwide glut of ships.

The Government has so far refrained from intervening in the Daewoo dispute as it did

# Bombings boost resolve of the hilltop 'Yuppies'

The Israeli budget faces many competing demands, but two are in direct rivalry. Supported by the Labour Party are the kibbutzim and moshavim, the collective and co-operative farms which played a big part in creating Israel. The hilltop settlements in the West Bank, backed by Likud, are seen as important factors in establishing Israeli control over territories occupied since the 1967 Six-Day War. In the first of two articles, Ian Murray reports from recently founded Alfei Menashe.

Early one morning this month Mrs Edna Regev excitedly packed her suitcases and set off with her husband for the airport and a long awaited holiday in Europe. Two miles from their home in this neat commuter town a petrol bomb was lobbed through the rear window of the car and within seconds Mrs Regev was on fire.

Her husband slammed on the brakes and leapt out to pull her to safety. A neighbour following in his car close behind jumped out with his gun and began firing up the embankment from where the petrol bomb was thrown. He hit nobody and despite a rapid clampdown by security forces no one was found.

Mrs Regev never lost control or consciousness despite suffering third degree burns to her face and shoulders. Within a couple of hours she was giving radio interviews from her hospital bed.

No, she said, she would not be moved by what had happened. She would continue to live in the hilltop West Bank town she has made her home and the best answer to the terrorists who had thrown the petrol bomb was to increase the number of settlements in the occupied territories.

Alfei Menashe is only four years old but it already has two martyrs. Just four months ago Mrs Ofra Moses and her five-year-old son both died from burns after a petrol bomb, thrown from the orange groves that flank the road leading out of the settlement, hit their car.

A stone cairn flanked by a

show of Israeli flags now marks the spot by the roadside where she died. The orange groves to within 30 yards of the road have been uprooted and high wire fences make it virtually impossible for any petrol bomber to hit the road.

That was why the latest attack occurred within the mountainous land above the orange groves. The Bedouin there still graze their flocks but now there are new watchmen on the hillside. Israeli soldiers under tented shelters scan the road all the time trying to make sure there is no new martyr.

The people of Alfei Menashe are far removed from the

## Israel's rival settlers Part 1

popular image of extremist Jewish settlers with a gun in one hand and a Bible in the other. In Britain they would be called "yuppies". Middle class professionals for the most part, they can commute to Tel Aviv in just over half an hour, leaving their families at home to enjoy a healthier, cooler climate, fresher air and a generally cleaner lifestyle than is possible in the humid city.

There are tax incentives, interest-free house loans and subsidized prices which mean that a young couple can buy a good home for less than £2,000 cash down and minimal repayments. These considerations weigh more heavily

with many than the moral question of whether it is right to extend Israeli sovereignty into the occupied territories.

For the most part these settlers were young children when the West Bank was captured. They have grown up regarding it as Israeli territory. They have been made acutely aware, by their compulsory military training and the ever present danger of war, of security.

From the municipal buildings in the town centre it is possible to see in one sweep of the binoculars all the way from the twin chimney stacks of Hadera power station — the largest in the country — to Tel Aviv and the port of Ashdod. Ben Gurion international airport and Israel Aircraft Industries.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said recently that Alfei Menashe was one settlement that was not essential to Israel's defence. It was part of an area he would be willing to trade for peace in negotiations.

But for the settlers here such a remark is ludicrous. To them it is as clear as the wide view from their neat terraced gardens that whoever occupies this spot controls the most vital part of the Israeli economy. To hand over such a promising gun emplacement as Alfei Menashe to an Arab Palestinian state is unthinkable. For the safety of their country there is no alternative to staying and to backing any government ready to build more such strongpoints to protect their land.

Tomorrow: The moshav crisis

## Priests encourage Sri Lankan fears

# Buddhist threat to Tamil accord

From Michael Hamlyn  
Colombo

The greatest threat to the peace settlement in the Sri Lankan ethnic conflict agreed between President Jayewardene and the Indian Government comes not, as may be expected, from hardline Tamil terrorists but from those who should be apostles of non-violence and preachers of peace, the Buddhist clergy.

The saffron-robed priests with shaven heads have long provided the philosophical backbone for Sinhalese chauvinism. The Buddhist religion founded in India by Gautama Buddha, an Indian prince, and spread to Sri Lanka by Ashoka, an Indian emperor, has been degraded to the status of a tiny minority cult in the land of its birth, subsumed under a tide of engulfing but yielding and absorbent Hinduism.

The Sinhalese fear that their golden Aryan purity will be defiled by the dark Dravidian hordes has been encouraged by the priestly fear for the integrity of their religion. Even the most devout Buddhists will say a prayer to a Hindu god in the course of their daily devotions just to be on the safe side, and because Buddhism denies the satisfaction of god worship.

Anxious to meet the leaders of the priestly opposition to the Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord I was taken by a highly nervous contact to meet a priest on the run from the police, the Ven Mahadulla-awa Sobitha, the leader of an organization known as the Defence of the Motherland.

The Ven Sobitha, keeping on the move in order to avoid a wave of arrests which his followers say are taking place, was not at the prearranged meeting place, and I was taken instead to meet Mr Dhammalankara Thero, a close colleague and friend of the Ven Sobitha, one

Colombo — A parliamentary clerk, wounded when a shot was fired and two grenades thrown at President Jayewardene, died yesterday, hospital officials said. (Reuters reports.) Mr Norbert Senadheera was the second victim of the attack. He was presenting papers for the Prime Minister, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, to sign at a meeting of ruling party members. A Deputy Minister, Mr Keerthi Abeywickrema, died hours after the attack last Tuesday from shrapnel wounds. He was cremated at the weekend.

of the organizers of the Defence of the Motherland, a religious teacher.

He sat in an austere study with books — many of them leather bound — alongside him and a tank of extremely active tropical fish next to them. He wore the saffron coloured robes with one shoulder bare that all Buddhist priests own. His head and eyebrows had been freshly shaved. His only possessions, he said, were like those of all Buddhist priests or bhikkhus: his robe and sandals, a needle, a thimble and thread, a razor, an umbrella and a begging bowl.

"There are 20,000 bhikkhus in Sri Lanka," he said, "and the vast majority are totally opposed to this agreement. Those who are not opposed are a microscopic minority who do not know the true facts."

The bhikkhus have been in the forefront of demonstrations against the accord, he agrees, and they will continue to be so. "Ten bhikkhus have been killed by the police since the demonstrations began on July 29," he insisted. "The people have requested the bhikkhus to lead, and they have always been in the front."

No, the priest says, he does not believe in violence, despite the fact that priests have been seen hurling stones and wrecking street furniture during the demonstrations.

His main objection to the peace agreement is that it links the Northern and Eastern provinces into one unit. "There is a firm belief that this is the foundation stone of the (independent Tamil) state of Eelam," he said. The Tamil leaders have said they will never give up the concept of Eelam.

Perhaps most sinister of all in his mind is the control over Sri Lanka's foreign policy that the agreement gives to India. "The strategic location of Sri Lanka and of Trincomalee harbour has been of interest not only to India but to most foreign powers for 500 years," he said. "Now India is threatening Sri Lanka with Soviet backing."

## Pretoria crackdown expected

# 'Alternative' press target of new laws

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

New state of emergency regulations empowering the South African Minister of Home Affairs to ban newspapers and periodicals for up to a year at a time are expected to be announced this week.

The linking of the regulations to the state of emergency will mean that there will be little or no recourse to the courts as the minister will be the sole arbiter of whether a publication is furthering unrest or revolutionary aims.

The English-language newspaper *The Citizen*, established secretly by the Government in the late 1970s with public funds, reported at the weekend that the target of the new laws was the "alternative" press, a host of radical weekly newspapers and periodicals that have sprung up in recent years.

The move follows the fierce attack on the press last week by President Botha, who said "newspapers and agencies of the 'alternative' press that spread 'deliberate, miserable lies' would be 'dealt with'."

According to *The Citizen*, more than 200 publications "with a combined weekly circulation of more than one million, are being scrutinized by Pretoria. A similar investigation is being conducted into 'alternative' theatre, arts and film."

The label "alternative" has been attached by the Government mainly to publications that are not members of the "Newspaper Press Union, the association of major South African newspaper publishers who subscribe to the rulings of the Media Council."

Mr Anton Harber, deputy editor of Johannesburg's *Weekly Mail*, established by staffers of the liberal *Rand Daily Mail* which was closed by its owners in 1985, said: "We report the news of the day and the analysis of the news in a critical way and, we believe, in a better way than the established newspapers. The established media tend to exercise more self-censorship than is needed and are generally over-cautious."

Mr Gabu Tugwana, acting editor of the *New Nation*, says its aim is to reflect what people in the townships are talking and thinking about. "The white owners of the commercial press cannot possibly fill that role because their newspapers reflect white attitudes and white thinking."

*New Nation* is published by the Catholic Bishops Publishing Company. It was established 20 months ago under the editorship of Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, the son of Mr Walter Sisulu, the imprisoned ANC leader, who has himself been in detention for nine months under the emergency regulations. *New Nation* has doubled its circulation since its launch to about 60,000 today.

According to government sources, the Minister of Home Affairs will be empowered to issue publications with a warning concerning their contents or overall message. If, in his opinion, the warning is not heeded, he can order suspension of publication for "between a day and a year". After one year the suspension can be renewed.

## Polls forecast narrow win in Danish election

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Opinion polls in Denmark's three main Sunday newspapers yesterday predicted a photo-finish result when the country goes to the polls on September 8. The surveys, the first since the election was called last week, showed Denmark's left-wing and right-wing bloc neck-and-neck.

The polls, published in *Politiken*, *Bertelskne Tidende* and *Jyllands-Posten*, forecast a disastrous result for the opposition Social Democrats, traditionally Denmark's biggest party, who seem set to see their share of the vote drop from 32 per cent to about 26 per cent.

All in all, 16 parties are participating for representation in the 179-seat Folketing (Parliament) compared with nine in the outgoing assembly.

The anti-EEC, anti-Nato, left-wing Socialist People's Party, which is supported by disillusioned Social Democrats, is tipped to be one of the main winners, upping its share of the vote from 11 per cent to 19 per cent. The Conservative Party of Mr Poul Schluter, Denmark's Prime Minister since 1982, is also expected to do well, increasing its representation from 23 per cent to 26 per cent.

The five-year-old ruling Conservative-Liberal four-party coalition led by Mr Schluter and the small Radical Liberal Party, which supports the Government on its key economic policies, are expected to gain about 46 to 50 per cent of the vote, giving them the chance of a narrow victory.

# Few tears at crowded wake of a Soweto gangster

From Nicholas Beeston  
Soweto

His death was long and painful, but there were few tears shed for Elliot "Black Material" Tena when his coffin was lowered into the dusty red earth of the Doornkop cemetery in Soweto on a bright winter afternoon. It was almost exactly a year ago that he was gunned down in a gangland attack by a man he had previously shot and left for dead, but who recovered to take his revenge.

One bullet hit Material in the spine. He was paralysed and died this month, aged 50. Friends at his graveside on Saturday said his protracted and agonizing death was a just retribution for his murder of his wife last year and for the countless other lives he took, making him one of the wealthiest and most feared underworld figures in the brutal world of Soweto's organized crime.

"The police caught the man who did it right after the shooting, but let him go the same day — I suppose they felt

he had done them a favour," explained Mr Lucky Michaels, a contemporary of Material's, who arrived at the funeral at the wheel of an immaculate 1952 American Buick limousine.

"Everybody who is anybody is here today," added Mr Michaels, who is nicknamed the "Shebeen King" because of his dominance of Soweto's 4,000 drinking clubs, which range from one-room makeshift bars to his two-storey Pelican nightclub, the township's largest.

As the former underworld figure readily admitted, "boozing" is the money-making business in Soweto and those who have the "bottle stores" (off-licenses) and "shebeens" are among some of the wealthiest blacks in South Africa. Mr Michaels was so successful in the business that he was appointed head of the National Taverners' Association.

South African Breweries, the country's white-owned liquor giant, which sells 80 per cent of its products, worth an annual £550 million, to

blacks, sent him on a business course to Harvard University in 1983. For Mr Michaels, as much a popular figure in the sprawling township of two million blacks as he is among his chic neighbours in Johannesburg's white northern suburbs, funerals are always important social occasions — and none was more so than that of Material.

"There is the bank manager, that man owns one of the largest shebeens, and that one is a fence," he said, pointing out smartly dressed black businessmen and gangsters in stilettoes and black-and-white patent leather shoes whose Mercedes and BMW cars cluttered the street outside Material's home, where the wake was held. About 500 wealthy South African blacks converged on the home from as far away as Maseru, capital of independent Lesotho, Durban and Bloemfontein to mourn the death of Material, who built up a million-pound empire over 30 years.

"Most people are here just to make sure he really is dead and the others

are trying to find out who will inherit the empire," joked a former associate, whose wife was mourning respectfully while he and most of the males took advantage of the occasion to discuss business and some of the more notorious exploits of the deceased.

While many of the guests had been imprisoned at one time or another, underworld figures said the township police generally turned a blind eye to their operations so long as they did not get out of hand. Both sides are aware that the threat to the status quo is more likely to come from the ambitious new generation of gangsters, known as "tsotsis", and from young political activists, who destroyed several alcohol outlets during the riots of 1976.

"Soweto has turned very bad recently and we will all be fortunate to pull through in the coming years," explained Mr Michaels. "That is why funerals are so important — at least we know when the day comes, no matter how bad we have been, everyone will show up to see us off."

# Marine spy awaits sentence

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, described as "a foolish young man" who had sex with a Russian woman employed as a translator in the United States Embassy in Moscow, is to be sentenced this week. He was convicted by a court martial on espionage charges late on Friday.

A jury of eight officers took more than three hours at Quantico Marine base in Virginia to find him guilty on all 13 charges, including spying and failing to report contacts with Soviet nationals while guarding US embassies.

The sergeant "took it like a Marine", his lawyer, Mr William Kunstler, said. An appeal is to be lodged.

Lonetree, a native American, was allowed 10 minutes with his mother and aunt before being driven away.

This is the first time a Marine has been convicted of espionage in the 40 years the corps has guarded US embassies. Mr Kunstler said his client was the scapegoat for



Lonetree: He thought the Russian loved him.

the State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Naval Investigation Service and the Marines.

The court-martial board will reconvene today to hear evidence before deliberating on a sentence. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

Major David Beck, the prosecutor, said Lonetree, aged 25, was motivated by money, intrigue, sex, ego and ideology.

Lonetree admitted having an illegal, unreported affair with Violeta Sanni from January to March 1986 in Moscow. He went in court when an expert on the KGB gave evidence that sexual entrapment was commonly used by the organization. He was heard to mutter, his head in his hands: "I thought she loved me."

# China cuts the bill for banquets

Peking (Reuters) — State banquets in China will last no longer than 90 minutes and guests will be limited to four dishes and one soup. The number of guests will also be cut and if foreign delegations exceed their quota they will be given the bill, according to the *New China Daily*.

It quoted China's head of diplomatic protocol as saying the new measures will save time, expense and the energy of the country's leaders. The new rules, described as diplomatic reforms, also said that visiting leaders and ministers will be given limousines to bring them from Peking airport but other officials must take mini-buses.

The Government also announced a freeze on the prices of some consumer goods and services as part of a drive to combat rising inflation.

## Lost overboard

Sydney (Reuters) — Hendrick Neilsen, a Norwegian seaman is missing, presumed drowned, after falling overboard from the Norwegian square-rigger, the Anna Kristina, one of the sailing ships re-enacting the voyage of the first fleet carrying convicts to settle Australia 200 years ago.

## Ozal's 'son'

Ankara (Reuters) — The Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, has taken Ilyas Sukruoglu, a defunct Bulgarian wrestler, as his adopted son. He did the same with Naim Suleymanoglu, a world champion weightlifter, who defected last December.

## At the top

Chamonix (AFP) — Braving showers of hail and snow, three Japanese cancer victims scaled Europe's highest peak, the 14,421ft Mont Blanc, under treatment by Dr Jinro Iwami, who believes that cancer may be conquered through physical challenges.

## Mao's essays

Peking (AFP) — China is to publish a new selection of the late Chairman Mao's early writings on Soviet Marxist theory, dating from the 1930s to 1949.

## Comedy prize

Vevey, Switzerland (Reuters) — Personal Services, a British comedy by the former Monty Python TV actor Terry Jones, won the top award at the annual Vevey comedy film festival. The film was inspired by life of Mrs Cynthia Payne, the London woman who admitted holding sex parties.

## Home brew

Moscow (Reuters) — More than 22,000 gallons of illegal home brew were discovered in one three-month period in a fight against heavy drinking in the Ukraine.

## Jellyfish glut

Cairo (Reuters) — The Egyptian Government is to set traps off nine Mediterranean and Red Sea resorts to fight an invasion of jellyfish after the recent heatwave.

Jayico Liso



# Are you paid what you're worth?

Terry Wogan earns every week what thousands of nurses get in a year. What would they be paid if their incomes reflected their real worth? *The Times* compiled a list of 80 jobs and had them analyzed on the basis of their real value.

William Greaves assesses the outcome and visits the pay ladder

If the head chef of a city centre hotel, telling among the marrieds and maybems of his kitchen, or the qualified nurse, sitting from bed to bed and soothing the fears of the sick, need a thought this morning to distract them from the pressures of the moment, they may care to ponder upon the inequalities of life. Over the next three years, each of them can expect to earn roughly the same as Miss Samantha Fox makes in a month, or Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of the Burton group, is paid every week.

Yet Sir Ralph can argue, and frequently does, that he is worth every penny of his £1 million salary to the shareholders, employees and the national economy. Terry Wogan goes one stage further, describing his £350,000 a year, enough to pay nearly 50 nurses, as "peanuts".

However, if those economists who say that the nation would be better off if it were run as Great Britain plc are right, then millions of workers on its payroll would demand that the company hire a firm of management consultants to take a fresh look at its wage structure.

It is, of course, a game which most us have played: how is it that the chap next door, who sells insurance when not playing golf, can afford a new BMW when our own daily toil, in unquestioning loyalty to our masters, earns us only a second-hand Ford Fiesta?

But is it really possible to assess the relative worth of a zookeeper or gravedigger compared to that of an electronics engineer or a High Court judge?

Barry Reid, a director of

Hay Management Consultants, thinks it is. "I was once asked by the RAF to work out the comparative worth of a warrant officer second-class and a remedial gymnast. It took some doing, but we got there in the end."

The evaluation process is complex, but its rudiments are simple enough: every job is divided into two basic elements — input and output. Input is the knowledge which a person brings into his or her work, and output is thought of in terms of the person's end value to the organization. Between these two lies a third category — problem-solving.

Reid explains how the three variables may work in practice: "The scientist at the head of a research department might discover something like penicillin, or he might discover nothing at all, but he brings to his work a high level of expertise and knowledge. The factory manager in charge of a big works is employed very much for the end-result he achieves. Yet, as it happens, both are worth almost exactly the same number of job units."

After a nationwide survey of 80 jobs, *The Times* gave the whole list to Hay Management and invited them to re-order it, based not on actual earnings but on what people ought to earn, expressed in "job units".

The results are surprising. In one group, a chef at a Thistle Group hotel (£4,750 per annum) was revealed as deserving approximately the same pay as an air-traffic controller, earning £23,000. A qualified nurse (£7,300) came out on a par with a computer programmer (£12,500) and well above a tanker driver on £13,468.



Variable forces in the market: Tevita Lew-Gor and (top to bottom), Stephen Bullas, Judith Gosmore and John Knill

For a five-day working week, practicing his skills as a fully-trained hair stylist in a fashionable London salon, assess their worth and say whether — and why — they are worth more.

What do you do for your money?

The chairman: I co-ordinate the various companies in the group and the marketing of major project acquisitions.

The professor: Fifty per cent of my time is concerned with the administration of my department, 20 per cent with teaching, 20 per cent with membership of Government committees and 10 per cent with research.

The nurse: As well as nursing, I have to be able to run a ward in the absence of the sister, act as floor manager, counsel patients and know when to call out a doctor.

The hair stylist: I have 10

or 15 clients a day. As well as cutting and styling I have to be a psychologist, diplomat and agony aunt. To make ends meet, I have to do magazine work and take private clients. Are you worth what you get paid?

Chairman: For my project acquisition work, yes, definitely. My bonuses are a small fraction of the return on investment I give. As for directorships — no, I don't think I am. But it's the taxation system which makes such large salaries necessary.

Professor: Yes, I am. From research, I bring into Imperial College one-third of my salary. What I teach enables my students to obtain the best employment. As an administrator I play my part in giving the college its reputation.

Nurse: Certainly — and a great deal more. It is stressful work which requires high educational standards and long training. The trouble is that the job is regarded as a vocation which we would do whatever the pay.

Hair stylist: Every penny, and more. I am important to the company. I work from nine to five, five days a week, without a lunch break.

If you think you deserve more, why did you choose your career, would you give it up for more pay and, if your present job was better paid, would you get less to balance the country's books?

Nurse: I was only 19 and didn't think about pay. Now I see friends buying flats and getting decent cars. I'd be very sorry to give it up but I can't spend my whole life with this kind of financial struggle. Much of the civil service is overpaid, so are stockbrokers. They might deal in money but we deal in human lives.

Hair stylist: God knows! I am quite talkative and artistic and I suppose I couldn't stand being stuck behind a desk. If things don't work out I'll have to change jobs. I'm single; if I wanted to get married and start a family I couldn't cope. The only people whose pay I respect are those in the dole queue. It makes my blood boil when people get more than I do for doing nothing.

Are you happy with the home and leisure-time lifestyle your job provides?

Chairman: Yes, I work a 60-hour week, but that's my own doing.

Professor: Being a geologist, I spend some of my own time away from home, but yes, I'm happy.

Nurse: For the first time in five years I am working normal hours and have evenings free. But I haven't the money to do much. I'm fully qualified and 24 but I'm still living like a student — taking a bottle of cider to parties. I'm nowhere near buying my own flat.

Hair stylist: I can't find time to go out. I haven't been able to take a holiday this year. I can't afford a car and I don't have anywhere permanent to live. But, for the time being, I don't mind too much.

Do you enjoy job satisfaction?

Chairman: The job is good but it can be frustrating — particularly the time spent on the necessary reporting structure.

Professor: Yes.

Nurse: An enormous amount of job satisfaction.



## THE TIMES 80 EARNINGS TABLE

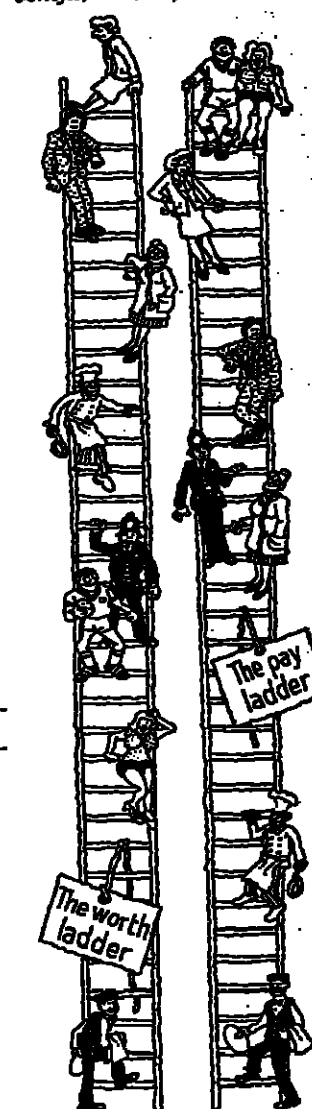
Compiled by David Sagsted and Mark Ellis

- Highest-paid businessman, Sir Ralph Halpern, Burton group: £1 million-plus
- Cricket show host, Terry Wogan: £350,000
- Cricketer, Ian Botham, 1987 estimate: £250,000
- Footballer, Ian Rush: £250,000 — salary at Juventus
- Model, Samantha Fox: £250,000-plus
- Company director, Marks and Spencer: £217,016
- Admiral of the Fleet, Royal Navy: £200,690
- Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong: £200,690
- Judge, High Court: £204,739
- Metropolitan Police Commissioner: Sir Kenneth Newman (now retired): £202,100
- Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher: £208,650 (but has elected to take only a Cabinet minister's salary)
- Professional golfer, Sandy Lyle: £248,639 (1986 European prize money) plus endorsements, etc.
- Cabinet minister, House of Commons: £247,020
- Airline captain, British Airways: £243,000 after 22 years
- Tax manager, Deloitte Haskins and Sells, London: £232,000 plus car
- Surgeon, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge: £230,340
- TV newsreader, BBC: £230,000
- Bank manager, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent: £225,500 plus car
- Reporter, *The Times*: £223,320
- Air-traffic controller, Heathrow: £223,000 max
- University professor: £222,050 min
- Oil executive, Shell UK: £222,000
- Dentist, Brighton: £221,700
- MP: £18,500
- Chemist, High Street dispensing, St Albans: £17,748
- Maths teacher, Bedford: £15,330 for senior teacher
- Prison officer, Wormwood Scrubs: £15,007
- Architect, Birmingham City Council: £14,100
- Research scientist, ICI, central London: £13,693 plus profit sharing
- Tanker driver, ERF: £13,468
- Police constable, Devon and Cornwall: £12,900
- Computer programmer, American Express, Brighton: £12,504
- Magazine editor, trade journal, London: £11,600
- Doctor, Royal Free Hospital, London: £11,510 for Registrar
- Fisherman, Hull: £11,443 for trawlerman, able seaman with bonus and overtime
- Engineer, Cameron Iron Works Ltd: £11,217 after 18 months
- Coal miner, British Coal face-worker, West Yorkshire: £11,180
- Science teacher, Northampton: £10,533
- Fireman, Reading: £10,374
- Chauffeur, to London director: £10,296
- Administrative assistant, Shell UK: £9,918
- Sales rep, Loyds Bowmaker, central London: £9,873 starting salary
- Electronics engineer, Heinz: £9,561
- Social worker, Wolverhampton: £9,513
- Joiner, Imperial Tobacco Co: £9,479
- Draughtsman, Westland Helicopters, Yeovil: £9,181
- University lecturer: £8,735, Grade A starting pay
- Accounts clerk, Pilkington Glass, Warrington: £8,197
- Mechanic, Renault UK, Acton: £8,130
- Bus driver/operator, London Transport: £7,886 plus unsocial hours pay
- Assembler, Ford Motor Co, Dagenham: £7,835
- Messenger, IBA, London: £7,589 after five years
- Janitor, Kellogg Co, Manchester: £7,512
- Zoo keeper, London Zoo: £7,459
- Computer operator, General Accident: £7,323
- Nurse, Registered general, NHS: £7,300
- Secretary, Guardian Royal Exchange, London: £6,834
- Labourer, Vauxhall Motors, Luton: £6,682
- Production assistant, Layland Trucks, Lancashire: £6,510
- Window cleaner, South London: £6,500
- Electrician's mate, Metal Box Plc: £6,398
- Handyman, Perkins Engines, Shrewsbury: £6,358
- Cleaner, Automobile Association: £4,970
- Gardener, London borough of Camden: £4,963 plus bonus
- Room maid, West End hotel: £4,888
- Gravedigger, Bristol: £4,804 plus bonus
- Checkout operator, Kwik-Save: £4,758
- Head chef, Thistle Hotel: £4,758
- Kitchen Porter, The Ritz: £4,732
- Dustman, Manchester: £4,674
- Wool dyer, West Yorkshire: £4,468
- Farm labourer, Sandbach, Cheshire: £4,518
- Catering assistant, ASDA stores: £4,490
- Butcher's assistant, Dewhurst Ltd: £4,394
- Clerk, British Home Stores: £4,394
- Barman, Glasgow: £4,355
- Telephone operator, BAA: £4,338 starting salary
- Sales assistant, Boots: £4,324
- Walter, House of Fraser: £4,053
- Hair stylist, Norwich: £3,120 plus commission and tips

Average annual wage: £10,538 for men, £7,004 for women.

Single unemployed annual income: £1,635. Married unemployed annual income: £2,644

(Department of Employment April figures. They exclude other benefits available — child benefit, rent, etc.)



WHAT THE 80 ARE REALLY WORTH

### GROUP H (101-175)

- Accounts clerk (48)
- Administrative assistant (41)
- Barman (76)
- Butcher's assistant (74)
- Bus driver/operator (50)
- Chauffeur (47)
- Clerk (73)
- Coal miner (37)
- Computer operator (55)
- Electrician's mate (61)
- Hair stylist (80)
- Janitor (53)
- Joiner (45)
- Mechanic (49)
- Model (39)
- Production assistant (59)
- Secretary (57)
- Tanker driver (30)
- Telephonist (77)
- Zookeeper (54)

### GROUP I (176-100)

- Assembler (51)
- Catering assistant (73)
- Check-out operator (57)
- Cleaner (63)
- Dustman (70)
- Farm labourer (72)
- Gardener (64)
- Gravedigger (66)
- Handyman (62)
- Kitchen porter (69)
- Labourer (58)
- Messenger (52)
- Room maid (65)
- Sales assistant (78)
- Waiter (79)
- Window cleaner (60)
- Wool dyer (71)

### GROUP J (305-528)

- Air-traffic controller (20)
- Architect (28)
- Chief (67)
- Cricketer (3)
- Electronics engineer (43)
- Magazine editor (33)
- Maths teacher (26)
- Research scientist (29)
- University lecturer (47)
- Computer programmer (32)
- Draughtsman (46)
- Fireman (39)
- Fisherman (35)
- Footballer (3)
- Golfer (12)
- Nurse (56)
- Police constable (31)
- Prison officer (27)
- Science teacher (38)
- Sales rep (42)
- Social worker (44)

### GROUP K (529-920)

- Airline captain (14)
- Bank manager (18)
- Chat-show host (2)
- Chemist (25)
- Dentist (23)
- Doctor (34)
- Engineer (36)
- Police officer (22)
- Reporter (19)
- Surgeon (16)
- Tax manager (15)
- TV newsreader (17)

### GROUP L (921-2,800)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP M (2,801-4,864)

- Company Director (6)
- Metropolitan Police Commissioner (10)

### GROUP N (4,865-8,504)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP O (8,505-11,247)

- Prime Minister (11)

### GROUP P (11,248-18,500)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP Q (18,501-22,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP R (22,001-23,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP S (23,001-24,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP T (24,001-25,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP U (25,001-26,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP V (26,001-27,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP W (27,001-28,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP X (28,001-29,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP Y (29,001-30,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP Z (30,001-31,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AA (31,001-32,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AB (32,001-33,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AC (33,001-34,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AD (34,001-35,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AE (35,001-36,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AF (36,001-37,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AG (37,001-38,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AH (38,001-39,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AI (39,001-40,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AJ (40,001-41,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AK (41,001-42,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AL (42,001-43,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AM (43,001-44,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AN (44,001-45,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AO (45,001-46,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AP (46,001-47,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AQ (47,001-48,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AR (48,001-49,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AS (49,001-50,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AT (50,001-51,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AU (51,001-52,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AV (52,001-53,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)

### GROUP AW (53,001-54,000)

- Admiral of the Fleet (7)
- Cabinet Minister (13)
- Cabinet Secretary (8)
- Hilliest-paid businessman (1)
- Judge (9)



## MONDAY PAGE

# A suitable way to flaunt it...

Savile Row is capitalizing on a new customer — young, ambitious and prepared to invest in a discreet style that speaks volumes.

Victoria McKee discovers the importance of being bespoke for

Success, it seems, is back in style and those who have found it want to show it off. Bespoke tailoring — for men and women — is enjoying a boom, brought about by the post-Big Bang buyers and flauters. And gentlemen's outfitters who had only their Royal warrants and their patronage of wealthy foreigners and elderly aristocrats to bolster them through the egalitarian, off-the-peg Sixties and rough-and-ready-to-wear Seventies, are rubbing their correctly-gloved hands with glee.

It is ironic that this unprecedented buoyancy should come when Savile Row is facing its most serious threat since designer jeans.

Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, has given the go-ahead for a reclassification of Savile Row properties which could quadruple rents and, some tailors fear, give rise to gleaming new office blocks which would replace their centuries-old workshops where business has never been better.

"Young, talented people today want to show their success in an understated way that is immediately recognizable only to those who also wear bespoke clothing. It's like meeting someone who went to the same school — or belongs to the same club," says Lawrence Willocks, managing director of Blades.

"There was a time, not so long ago, when it was thought really 'in' to wear ready-made suits," he shudders. "But it's no longer non-U, thank goodness, to show you care about clothes. Bespoke is for people who want to be as competitive in their dress as they are in their business."



Gold thread: John Wood-Stoddard and tailor Robert Gieve

Young professional women, previously unacquainted with the wonders of Savile Row workshop can work on even the faultiest figure, are beginning to comprehend the beauty of bespoke.

"Women are used to wearing fine fabrics and beautiful designs," Willocks explains, "but they just aren't used to clothes that really fit. You should see the expression on a woman's face when she tries on a handmade, bespoke skirt for the first time — and we've had more than ever over the past year."

Blades, which is not affected by the property proposals as it is "decentralized" its workshops, some time ago also offers a service specifically tailored for women — but admits that the majority of its female customers are still mostly older women, the wives of their regular customers who take them up on it, "and

those who hear about us at dinner parties". Mrs Anita Robertson, 46, the £35,000 a year finance director for Soude Jewellery Ltd, the biggest jewellery manufacturer in the country, became a customer after seeing a ladies garment in Blades' window. She went in "rather tentatively" to ask if they would make her a suit and is "absolutely delighted" with her £600 grey summer worsted suit with two skirts.

"I find it very difficult to buy clothes. I'm 5 ft 1 in tall and always have to have things altered," said Mrs Robertson. "Now I'm hooked. I want to save up for an overcoat and Mr Willocks said I might be in for a shock."

Bespoke suits cost from about £600, although Blades offers a machine stitched, computer-controlled "made-to-measure" service which starts at about £300 and is a sort of halfway house.

At number 19, one of Tommy Nutter's silk suits would set you back £3,000, and Elaine Paige and other members of the showbusiness fraternity, male and female, regularly drop in to order a customized dinner suit with brocade waistcoat or other distinctive touches.

But whereas Tommy Nutter, "suitor to the stars", talks of "50 per cent payment in advance", Robert Gieve of Gieves & Hawkes, the Prince of Wales's tailors and accustomed to dealing with older money, says airily that "payment is by account on completion" — and is usually settled promptly.



Slick in the City: a measured response can speak volumes among those who are dressed for success

Gieve, known as "Mr Robert" on the premises, has his own explanation for the pleasing boom in business. "Jobs are harder to get these days, the pace of life is tougher and people have realized that the right clothes are essential to their image."

The Porsche has to be parked outside, but the bespoke suit is a status symbol that is allowed into the boardroom — and plays an increasingly important role there. The new male customer, who likes the convenience of fittings in his office and may try to get away with

one or two instead of the recommended three, is typified by John Wood-Stoddard of FPS Financial Management.

He has just ordered a suit from Gieves & Hawkes with a pinstripe of solid gold running through it — for about £2,000. He was celebrating having broken all sales records and wanted the world to know of his achievement.

Wood-Stoddard explains: "I first heard about such a thing many moons ago when I was unemployed. I thought, 'One day, when I'm successful, I'll have a

suit like that' — and now I'm able to. It's the ultimate suit — it's wonderful. But it's very discreet. Gieves & Hawkes have even offered, when I retire, to have it melted down to make a pair of earrings for my wife."

He adds: "All my colleagues wear bespoke suits these days and if you see someone without one you instantly reckon he's earning under £20,000. It's not so much a positive statement to wear one as a negative one if you don't." His shoes are by Moreschi and his shirts from Jermyn Street, "al-

though at the moment they're ready made, unfortunately".

Malcolm Mather, 40, director of Gallup, the market research organization and another of the new breed of bespoke buyers, spends between £800 and £1,200 on his bespoke suits from Gieves & Hawkes and usually buys one a year.

"You can walk into a room and know instantly who does and who doesn't, and if you walk into a boardroom in New York or Tokyo, you know that people are evaluating you by your suit, and if you're wearing a good bespoke one people look at you and think, 'This guy's OK.'"

He wears Church's shoes, buys his shirts in New York and appreciates the way Gieves & Hawkes can tailor his suits to disguise his "enlarged calves", the legacy of a sporting youth.

A good bespoke suit should camouflage figure faults, from drooping shoulders to what is euphemistically known in the trade as "forward stomach", through careful cutting and strategic padding.

The lapels should be soft enough to blow in the wind, like Cary Grant's, and the *cognoscenti* can instantly recognize the hand-sewn buttonholes and hand-stitched edges. Hand-stitching in certain stress areas, such as trouser seats, allows more give, but some seams are sewn by machine for greater strength.

It should last a lifetime, says Mr Robert, provided it is well cared for. That means sponging, brushing, hand-pressing and airing regularly — but hardly ever dry cleaning. He advises at least six bespoke suits in a wardrobe to allow each the rest and rotation it needs.

He whipped up a morning suit for Bob Geldof in three days in time to meet the Queen, but the average customer is told it will take two months. Paper patterns are kept on file and altered with the customer so that future suits could, theoretically, be made without the body in question.

"Most customers dream when they come to a Savile Row tailor that a taller, younger person will somehow walk out of the shop," Willocks observes. "Now one actually does."

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Moss Bros branches out, page 19

## Putting the horse before the carpets

Lucy Pinney had to live in genteel poverty for her love of horses. So she tried a novel approach to make ends meet

The *Pink Stallion*, one of this year's Betty Trask Award winners, may be the first work of romantic fiction to be written about cart-horses. But when Lucy Pinney turned to writing as a means of supplementing the family income it seemed the most natural choice of subject.

Two things have dominated her two years of marriage to breeder Charles Pinney: horses and never having any money. "Charlie and I spent our honeymoon looking at cart-horses in the Ardennes — and we had to have it before

the wedding, so as not to interfere with haymaking.

"If we ever go anywhere, it's to look at horses. The family photo-albums are full of them. They even come in the house at Christmas. We've always lived in genteel poverty. We don't go without essentials, but things like holidays are out of the question."

The Pinneys tried various kinds of diversification, but none was ideal. "For two years we took in paying guests," Lucy remembers wryly, "but that has its disadvantages. The

only way to make it pay was to cram the house full and we ended up sleeping in a cupboard and a bedroom. A neighbour, an old hand at B and B, thought that was a willfully extravagant waste of space. He suggested we let the bedroom and dosed down in the passage."

Next, the Pinneys moved to Cotswold Farm Park, the country's first combined farm and rare-breed centre. Charlie worked on the farm and gave Agricultural Training Board courses — teaching people how to use heavy horses.

Lucy clearly shares her husband's passion. "People stopped using them on farms about 50 years ago," she says, "but they're slowly coming back. The best breed, the Ardennes, had all but died out, except for a few enthusiasts who kept them for show horses."

She explains, has caused subtle changes in the breed. "They'd become taller. It looks better in the ring, but it's no good on a farm. If the horse is too high, he has to lift as well as pull. More importantly, they'd lost their wonderful docile temperament."

"Because he's so big and strong, a cart-horse can be a very dangerous animal. The ones we found on our honeymoon were perfect. Strong, stocky and muscular. Docile



Our kingdom for a horse: Charles and Lucy Pinney with Trojan, one of their cart-horses

enough for women and children to handle and with feet so hard they don't need shoeing."

The family moved to its present Devon home four years ago, when Charlie decided to start manufacturing his own machinery for use with horses. "Up to then, all you could find was old stuff that someone had pulled out of a hedge," Lucy says.

The *Pink Stallion* was the only unpublished work among this year's Betty Trask Awards. This week Lucy will

sign a contract with Hodder and Stoughton for publication in the spring.

Her writing began in Devon, when she took up journalism to help with the family's finances. "It's the ideal way to earn money if you have small children — you can get on with it while they're asleep. Then I heard about the awards, and I got down to my first attempt at a novel," she explained.

"It wasn't easy. With a first novel, you reach a stage where

you've got to chapter four and you can't get any further. I reached that stage about four times. When I finally got on to chapter five Gilbert, the cat, peeped over the manuscript and I had to start all over again.

"Charlie was wonderful. Two months before the deadline for the competition he took every penny we had in the bank and bought me a word-processor, so I finished on time."

Ros Drinkwater

## Don't peel me a grape, either

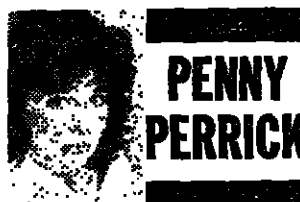
Is your husband really necessary? It would seem that he is if you need a power base for your career.

The ideal husband, according to Dr. Tunnadine, would see him as a reassuring presence. I would see him as a recipient of the rage that I should have expended on the switchboard operators who put me through to the wrong extension, the publishers who failed to deliver promised sets of proofs and the man on the Underground who trod on my new white shoes.

The married career woman, pampered creature though she may be in some ways, unlike her unmarried counterpart, has to keep two shows on the road at the same time. This becomes particularly stressful when her work requires her presence in the evening. No matter that she has left her husband happily peeling potatoes in a centrally-heated house and the new Dick Francis to hand, I can tell by her panicky glances at her watch that she is imagining him staring at an ash tray, nibbling on a dry crust. All she feels about tying up an important contract in Venezuela is guilt.

The natural state of wifehood is the feeling that, whatever you may be doing, what you should be doing instead is going home to give the ceramic hobs a good wipe over. Along with many career women, I think I can truthfully say that I would not be where I am today if I were married, even if I had the home-providing, comforting sort of mate as depicted by Dr. Tunnadine. On the other hand, it is perfectly possible that I might be somewhere I liked a whole lot better.

This is a high price to pay for the pleasures of a joint bank account. When I get home from work, a potato is the last thing I want. What I want is a large whisky to take straight to bed with me while I gnash my teeth reflecting on the day's horrors.



PENNY PERRICK

If a husband were suddenly to materialize, I don't think I would see him as a reassuring presence. I would see him as a recipient of the rage that I should have expended on the switchboard operators who put me through to the wrong extension, the publishers who failed to deliver promised sets of proofs and the man on the Underground who trod on my new white shoes.

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## Pitfalls for mini punters

From Geoffrey Mason, Underhill Road, London SE22

I can't help feeling that it is slightly repellent introducing children to the dubious merits of the Stock Exchange ("The mini money-makers", August 14).

I know of two families who regarded it as sophisticated to give their sons the opportunity of improving their pocket money by buying and selling shares.

They succeeded in doing quite well until they left school when they ran into considerable debt. The irony was that their parents had to sell their own shares to meet those debts.

From Erika Houston, Oakley Road, Bromham, Beds.

I have visited Sweden on a number of occasions and recently returned from another wonderful holiday there. I hate to disappoint Penny Perrick (Monday Page, Aug 17), but I cannot agree with her observa-

tions on the Swedish way of life.

One thing one notices 'straight away' is the cleanliness. There is no litter and a total absence of dog dirt on the pavements. And I have never seen a stray dog in Sweden.

Incidentally, Sweden does not have as rigid a class system as Britain, so to call the Swedish teenagers who rioted "middle-class" is incorrect.

From Janet B Judges, White Lodge, Bearsted, Maidstone.

I cannot believe that my husband and I are the only parents of a 16- or 18-year-old waiting O or A level GCE results. I have found the continuous stream of advice regarding failure to obtain high grades increasingly irritating.

The last straw came with

this excerpt (August 17, Monday Page): "If you are not in the top six, or 13, but are in the top 25 per cent bracket, that's fine — you can still do well in life." At a stroke, the remaining 75 per cent are condemned to failure.

Our daughter gained eight CSE passes. Unfortunately she only passed one subject at Grade 1, not the three or four she had hoped for to gain college entry. Perhaps we could see an article giving advice to her and the thousands like her.

From Margaret Mary Mallion, Millbrook Road, Whitstable.

With reference to the article headed "Nose Trouble" (August 6, Medical Briefing), may I offer the following view on comment on the "nasal cell carcinoma" description of

President Reagan's basal cell carcinoma — a misprint?

The area may be nasal. But the carcinoma's basal to describe the depth of tissue not the origin of issue.

From Ann Saunders, Meadoway Gate, London NW11

I think Ms is a melancholy form of address — it sounds so bad-tempered.

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Allan Massie

### Devolving the blame

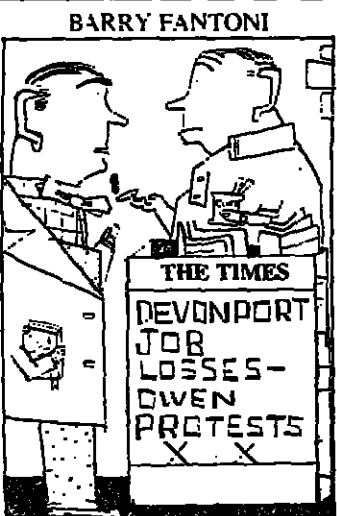
The Scottish Tory inquest runs on. Not content with sacking all the approved candidates in Scotland, and charging them £50 each for the privilege of re-registering, Lord Gould, the party chairman in Scotland, has now shifted ground on devolution. Abandoning the claim that the issue played no part in the Tory disaster, he has now repudiated candidates for having failed to argue the case against a Scottish Assembly with sufficient lucidity and cogency; the implication being that electors enthusiastically about an Assembly failed to realize that Lord Gould and Co agreed with them, and so voted against the Tories from sheer ignorance. One has heard of lame excuses, but this one is legless.

### Hiding her light

A minor literary mystery was resolved at the Edinburgh Book Fair when the author of *Orion: A Philosophical Journey* was revealed as being Matilda Dowager Duchess of Argyll, third wife of the late Duke. She published her novel pseudonymously to avoid the wrong sort of coverage. She was too successful however, for the novel, from her own small publishing company, had the misfortune to escape the notice of most critics.

### MacLennan

If Robert MacLennan becomes leader of the SDP, he will be the least known party chief since Clement Davies. Though an MP for 21 years, MacLennan has attracted few headlines and no scandal. His sister Elizabeth is married to the radical playwright John McGrath of the 7:84 company, and younger brother David is the founder of the still more radical Wild Cat Theatre, but MacLennan himself, a barrister, has been described as "just the sort of chap to put a party to sleep". He would, incidentally, be the second party leader to represent Caithness and Sutherland, his predecessor being Sir Archibald Sinclair, and the sixth Scottish MP to lead a British party since the war, however briefly.



Barry Fantoni  
Of course he knows how they feel through personal experience

### Rich cream

Scotland's latest and biggest literary prize - £5,000, provided by United Biscuits - awaits the Scottish Writer of the Year. Publicity, in the hands of Michael Kelly Associates, has been muted; a reception at the Caledonian Hotel in Edinburgh attracted fewer than a dozen guests and even the literature department of the Scottish Arts Council knew nothing of the prize. Kelly, as Lord Provost of Glasgow, was associated with the slogan "Glasgow's miles better", so can surely do better than this. The chairman of the judges is Dr Karl Miller, editor of *The London Review of Books*. A suitable winner might be Ron Butts, the hero of his novel, *The Sound of My Voice* (Canongate, £7.95), an alcoholic biscuit executive.

### Cold water

Glasgow Herald readers are enjoying an odd debate. The contestants are eccentric hotelier-bagpiper-author Alastair Campsie and the historian and sometime Tory candidate Michael Fry. Campsie recently advanced the theory that Henry Dundas, Lord Melville, who ran Scotland for the younger Pitt, arranged the death of Robert Burns. Fry, who is working on a biography of Dundas, will have none of this wild theory, which involves getting a doctor to advise Burns to paddle in the Solway Firth, thus weakening his health. Both are formidable controversialists, and the argument should run for weeks.

### Beefing up

As English rugby at last gingerly embarks on a national league, the oldest Rugby Union league in the world will be sponsored for the first time. The Border League, which dates back to 1901 and comprises Hawick, Selkirk, Kelso, Gala, Jedforest, Melrose and Langholm, will receive £15,000 from the Scottish Quality Beef and Lamb Association and be known as the Border Beef League. Kelso, champions for the past two seasons, are traditionally weak for the first games in August because many of their players are still harvesting. Clearly they should turn to cattle rearing rather than piling up grain mountains.

# Silence: a safeguard at risk

by Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is under pressure to end the suspect's right to silence. At present those who know the ropes can refuse to answer questions in the knowledge that the prosecution cannot invite the jury to draw its own conclusions.

The police have all but persuaded Hurd that this is not in the interest of justice. If they have their way, a suspect will no longer be cautioned that he is not obliged to say anything unless he wishes; instead silence would invite suspicion. The move is already arousing controversy, as it did on two previous occasions when the government toyed with the idea, only to abandon it after vociferous protest.

The Law Society, the Criminal Bar Association and the National Council for Civil Liberties are firmly against; but the police have on their side some eminent former judges, including Lord Denning and Sir Frederick Lawton, former Lord Justice of Appeal.

There will be little time for debate, however. This latest move to end the suspect's right to silence - not to be confused with the defendant's right not to enter the witness box - comes about in almost indecent haste. It was floated, unexpectedly, by the Home Secretary earlier this month: the outcome, clearly, of lobbying by the police.

The idea was first put forward in 1972 by the respected group of

lawyers and judges comprising the Criminal Law Revision Committee. Instead of being cautioned that he had a right to say nothing, the committee recommended that the suspect should be warned that failure to answer police questions might lead to adverse inferences being drawn. Both judge and prosecution would be able to draw the jury's attention to it.

The idea came under such heavy fire that it was dropped. Then it came up again before the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. But in its 1981 report, the majority said the right was an "essential safeguard for the weak, immature and the inadequate, since its removal could increase the risk of false confession by those unable to withstand police interrogation".

What has prompted revival of the idea? Since the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984 - the product of the Royal Commission - came into force, police have felt increasingly hampered in investigating crime. Their wider powers to investigate were balanced by strengthened safeguards for suspects and detailed codes of practice which, they say, greatly restrict their day-to-day business.

On top of this has come the duty

solicitor scheme, giving every suspect in a police station the right to see a solicitor. Its result, police maintain, is obstruction of their inquiries, with more and more suspects unwilling to talk. They point also to tape recording of police interviews, which will be nationwide by 1991, giving suspects an extra safeguard against police abuse of interrogation procedures. (Those on the Criminal Law Revision Committee who opposed any change did agree that matters might be different once tape recording was available.)

None of this in any way diminishes the force of the opposition. Professor Michael Zander, of the London School of Economics, argues that abolition would be wrong in principle and in practice have little effect. What is proposed is that if the accused at trial comes up with a different line of defence, or a new fact which he omitted to mention in questioning, then the prosecution should be able to comment and draw the jury's attention to it. But this would fundamentally alter the burden of proof. Zander says, so that the defence would have to prove innocence and not the prosecution guilty.

Second, as the great majority of suspects do talk in the face of

hardened police questioning, the change would affect only the small hard core of experienced criminals, he says. The point is reinforced by Gerald Newman, secretary of the Law Society's Criminal Law Committee. "No one would suggest a refusal to speak equals an admission of guilt. So the experienced criminal is still likely to refuse to talk. Silence will still be his best bet in escaping a conviction. So the change will make no difference."

There are other strong arguments against ending the right. It would be all too easy for the frightened suspect to "blabber out anything" and implicate himself without knowing it. Innocent answers can too easily be turned to a suspect's disadvantage. Further, the take-up rate for a duty solicitor remains low, with only 20 per cent of suspects asking to see one.

Even where a lawyer is present, access can be delayed for up to 36 hours, and under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for up to 48 hours. It is in those first hours at the station that false confessions are most likely.

The opposition case is forceful, but opponents will have to mobilize fast. Hurd is waiting to gauge reaction but is minded in principle to table a clause to the Criminal Justice Bill in the autumn. So far he remains unconvinced by arguments for the status quo.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

## Plastic's open prison

Last week I returned to the theme of responsibility, anent the delightful practice - begun in the United States and enthusiastically taken up in Britain - of the courts requiring criminals to be paid enormous sums of money for any disagreeable experiences (such as being injured) they may have while committing their crimes. On the very day that column appeared, there was a story, no more than eight pages away as the leaves rustle, which left me bereft of speech (a rare condition for me, as you may suppose) for some minutes.

The villain in the new story is the Bank of Scotland, which is to be reported to the Office of Fair Trading for unspeakable wickedness; the complainants confidently expect that the bank and all its directors will be flogged through the streets at the cart's tail, and serve their right.

Hear now the details of the crime. Hitherto, customers of the Bank of Scotland have been issued with a cheque-card; its only function is to guarantee cheques drawn, up to a fixed amount. You want to buy half a dozen omelette yachts, you make out a cheque, you brandish the magic card, and the retailer is all smiles as he wraps the goods.

In Act Two, the pleasant atmosphere is abruptly dispersed. The Bank of Scotland is now intent, it seems, on replacing the cheque card it issues to customers by a Visa card, with two functions instead of one: it will still be valid to guarantee cheques, but it will also serve as a credit card.

And that, I swear, was all it took for the Scottish Consumer Council to complain to the OFT, after "numerous complaints from customers disturbed at the move". In case any of my readers are as daft as the complainants in this story, I had better make unnecessarily clear that the new card need not be used as a credit card for it to be valid as a cheque card; the two uses of it are quite independent.

So what is the fuss about? It is about those who believe that human beings are not responsible for their lives and actions, their successes and failures, strengths and weaknesses. It is about a new kind of protection racket, which offers limitless quantities of cotton-wool for wrapping the racket's clients in, and requiring as a fee for the service (from cradle to grave, mind) nothing but the client's soul.

We have all read lately the stories of people who fall into an abyss of debt by using credit cards to buy things they cannot afford. Now look at that sentence carefully, and tell me what is wrong with the wording: the most terrible effect of the phenomenon I am describing is that a large proportion of my readers will not see the deliberate mistake before I point to it. For the debtors didn't "fall into" debt, did they? They walked or jumped into it.

No, I have not forgotten those prudent people who kept within their capacity to pay and were struck by unforeseen disaster such as illness or redundancy; for these we must indeed have sympathy. But if we have sympathy for the deserving, we must not be deterred from expressing criticism of the feckless.

The trouble with that argument is that the stampede has gone so far already that it is widely asserted that there are no feckless. We are, according to the new theory, all helpless automatons; if we buy on credit knowing that we cannot pay when the bill is presented, we must not be accused of irresponsibility, let alone dishonesty, for such concepts are as outmoded as the idea of sin itself. Diddums want a gold bracelet? Diddums can have a gold bracelet.

Diddums can't pay? Wicked jeweller. So in this new dispensation a credit card is not just a temptation; it is a temptation that nobody can be expected to resist. More, and worse: it is a temptation that nobody should be expected to resist. (And even that is not the worst: shop thieves have begun to argue that the goods were so attractively laid out that their thieving was really all the fault of the shopkeeper, and the argument is beginning to be accepted.)

And on the same day as the Bank of Scotland story there was a letter in another newspaper criticizing a television play as unsuitable for young children's watching. Mindful of the contents, the television planners had scheduled it for 9.15pm, but the complainant felt this was not good enough, for in these light evenings children tend to stay up later.

I have often drawn attention to the astonishing number of people who have never discovered what that little button on a television set is for - the one marked "On/Off". Now, it seems, I have to point to a new curiosity: parents who cannot send their children to bed at bed-time, and cannot even persuade them (of course we must never tell them, let alone command them) to switch off the television set, and then complain to the newspapers that Johnny has heard somebody say "bugger," or, fouler still, "responsibility."

Not long ago, visiting some cherished friends who have a very young son, I watched a scene which summed up for me this whole argument. Junior was sitting at a table, merrily banging a spoon on it. His other hand was resting on the table's edge, and I realized that sooner or later he was going to whack his own fingers. I cried out in alarm, naive bachelorette that I am, only to be told, very gently, by the child's father, with mother's approval, that the little boy must learn even pain, if he is to grow up whole. Now some folk today would charge that family with baby battering, yet I tell you

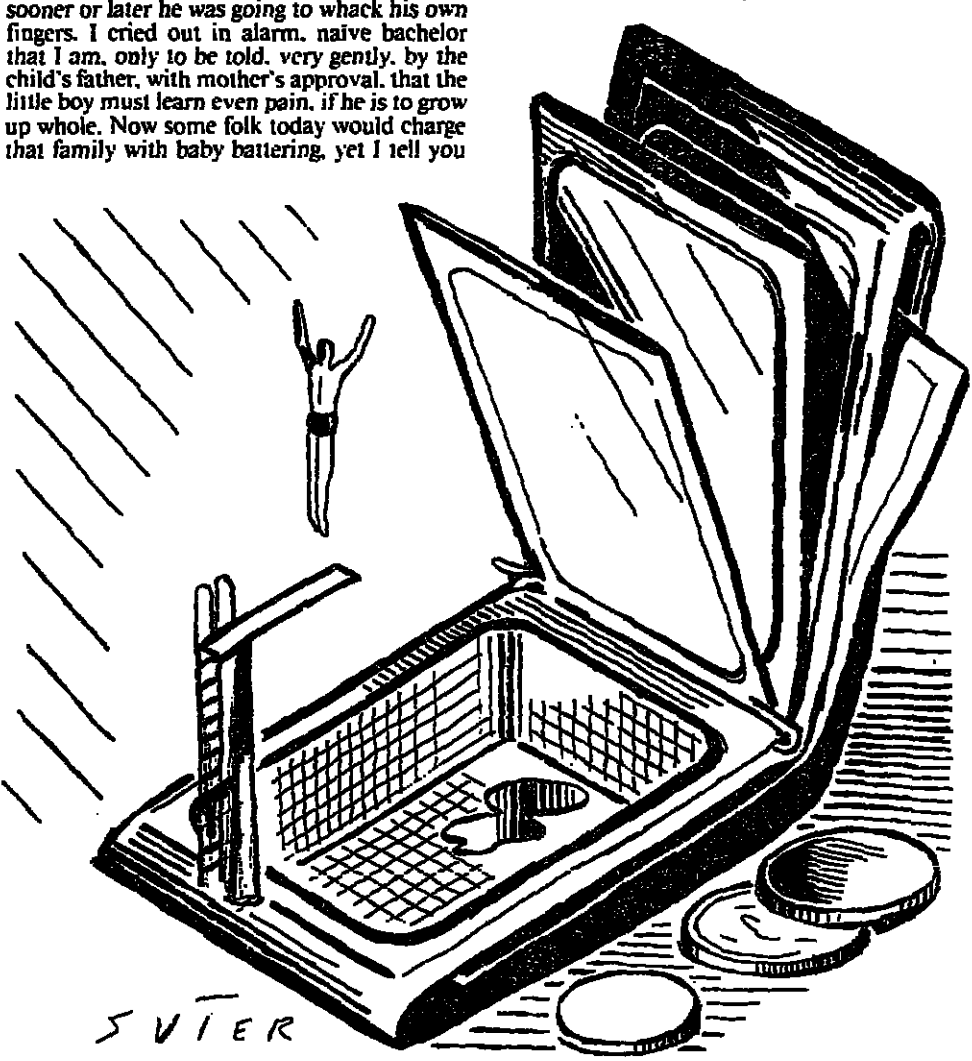
that in all my days I have never known parents who poured out for their infant a greater quantity of love and wisdom combined. And letting the infant run the risk of a sore thumb was part of the love as well as of the wisdom. (He missed, incidentally.)

A world in which people never get hurt by their own foolishness is, among other things, a lie: there is no such world, and those who insist that there is are compounding the lie. Unfortunately, more and more effort now goes into attempts to ensure that, even if people do hurt themselves from carelessness or greed, no mention of the carelessness or greed must be made, not even by those charged with binding up the wounds. I wonder when the words "Don't do it again" were last spoken in this country. In the 1930s, I should think. When will they be spoken again? If some people have their way, never. Shall they have their way?

Hold the centre page. Even as I finished writing this, there appeared a letter on the subject, in *The Guardian*. It said: "I have a Bank of Scotland account with a cheque guarantee card. I have no credit cards, having never felt a need for them. I have now been informed that the Bank of Scotland are withdrawing cheque guarantee cards and that a Visa card will replace them. I am therefore obliged to apply for the Visa card which I do not want in order to continue using my cheques. Does this mean the other banks will follow suit, thereby forcing credit cards on their customers?"

I rest my case. Or at least reculer il me tiens sauter in a few weeks' time.

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## A mighty burden for the British Ass

The British Association for the Advancement of Science, whose annual meeting begins in Belfast today, was set up more than 150 years ago to strengthen the relationship between science and the public. At no other time in its history has there been such a compelling need to strengthen that partnership.

British science is facing a crisis caused by several years of cuts in university research and the defection abroad of leading researchers, but the public is largely apathetic to its plight.

The annual meeting of the British Ass, as it is affectionately called, is the nearest thing to a festival of science: a travelling one that pitches in a different university each year. Early gatherings of a century ago provided a unique stage for new discoveries to be announced, and for scientists to share and often bitterly dispute the results of research.

In recent years, the emphasis has shifted to the popularization

of science and debates of its social consequences. Today, the association provides a unique forum where experts from different disciplines and laymen can examine the progress and the sensitive social issues related to advances in science and technology. With 20 sections in progress simultaneously at Queen's University this year, there will be plenty of variety: satisfying those curious for the latest findings on dinosaurs or for an introduction to the new science of photonics.

The serious social themes at this year's conference will be Aids, chemical additives to food, "intelligent" computers, and the application of science and technology to economic development.

One innovation for British businessmen to show the advantages of locating science-based industry in Northern Ireland. This reflects a new understanding of the need for scientists to spread knowledge of what they are doing in their

laboratories and how it can improve the economic future.

Public attitudes have probably changed little since Michael Faraday gave an early demonstration of electricity to a sceptical Queen Victoria. She asked: "What use is it?" He replied: "What use is a baby?" meaning it is not immediately obvious how new things may grow into a powerful force.

Similarly, scientists cannot expect the layman to understand without explanation why superconductors have suddenly become exciting, why particle physics is important, and why academic research today is laying the foundations for future industrial growth. Attention will focus on how the academic and industrial worlds should divide responsibility for certain aspects of research and development.

Since last year's meeting a deluge of critical reports from the House of Lords, the Royal Society, and the government's own advisory bodies have painted in

graphic detail the crippling effect of successive years of cuts in research.

It is too early to judge the impact of these reports. That should be possible in October when the government's new Advisory Council on Science and Technology concludes its first review, which will consist of an assessment of the future national space programme and whether to continue membership of Cern, the European Centre for Nuclear Research near Geneva. The membership fee allows particle physicists to use the centre's huge machines.

The shop window of science provided by the British Ass clearly shows one thing. The "products" on display are the result of past investment in research. It confirms that the adage "you only get out of something as much as you put in" applies just as much to science as to other walks of life.

Pearce Wright  
Science Editor

T.E. Utley

## In support of the snooper

What is the combined effect of the Peter Wright affair and the Jeffrey Archer affair on the reputation of the British press? Well, I am bound to tell you that I think it is extraordinarily bad.

At this minute, the view (in my opinion an extravagant one) of the ordinary man on the Clapham omnibus is that the newspapers will publish anything for profit, without regard to national security or to common decency. In particular, the view is that, in the course of persecuting innocent politicians, they will employ methods which, if used by the police in the pursuit of crime, they would condemn as utterly insupportable.

I strongly disagree with this, and I accordingly feel obliged to explain why. Let us take first the methods employed by "investigative journalists" (when I was a lad all journalists were thought to be "investigative"). If a journalist succeeded in assuming a false identity and tape recording supposedly confidential conversations, in exposing a grave City scandal which, left untouched, would ruin widows and orphans, he would generally be regarded as having behaved well and, indeed, honourably. The use of such methods for such purposes is, in my view, wholly defensible. There is no way of dispensing with it.

This, however, supposes that the case in question is one which legitimately concerns the public. It is here, in my opinion that the difficulty arises.

Some time ago, I was invited by a society of Conservative ladies to present myself as a whipping boy for the press, answering their questions about our alleged immoral behaviour. Under cross-examination, I told one of them that if I was possessed of information damaging to a Tory minister, which I thought to be of legitimate public interest but the revelation of which would damage the government, I would certainly reveal it. I added that I would do this for two reasons. First, that if I did not reveal it, a rival paper would almost certainly do so, it would serve the commercial interests of my proprietor to get in first, and to him I have certain contractual obligations. Second, it would serve the interests of the Tory party better if I were to spill the beans than if they were split by some paper known to be opposed to the Tory party. The nice lady who asked the question came up to me afterwards and said, politely and sorrowfully, that she had hitherto regarded me as a decent man but could not maintain that view any longer.

Here, then, is the dilemma. I made it somewhat easier by choosing a hypothesis in the terms

of which I was convinced that the discreditable matter to be exposed was one of legitimate interest to the public. But who am I to set myself up to decide that? A journalist is surely under some sort of obligation to his customer; if there is something that they want to know, should he not tell it to them? We are in the business of revelations; the public (which is very glad to read what we reveal) persistently refuses to recognize that concealment, in our case, has the character of a sin.

In my view, much too much is left to the discretion of journalists. It is extremely bad, for example, that IRA propaganda should be distributed as freely as it is in the British press; but it is distributed through the medium of Provisional Sinn Féin, a party which the British government specifically legalized. If that party is committed to utter it, we have no alternative but to report it. The government should have the courage to suppress Sinn Féin or, at least, so to revise the law about giving comfort to the Queen's enemies as to ensure the same result.

By the same token, I think that it is high time that the state laid down in law what it thinks to be the legitimate area of inquiry into the private lives of politicians. If, for example, their sexual behaviour carries a threat to national security (the allegation ludicrously made in the Profumo case), it is worthy of public exposure and comment. If it does not affect the public interest, exposure and comment are out of place.

In a case like the Archer one, should not the law allow the plea that, regardless of the truth or (in this instance) the falseness of the allegations, the matter is not one of genuine public concern? That would protect a great many public men against the threat of blackmail. It would also divert the energies of some popular journalists into more useful channels. Would it encourage fornication and adultery among the great? A lot of that has gone on anyway throughout the ages with small damage to our national life; but I do not think that it would. A politician's obligation in this matter is not gratuitously to offend public taste. Sustained, ostentatious, proselytizing affronts to the moral code could still be regarded as proper objects of newspaper comment.

In short, a little more judicious restriction of the freedom of the press, a little more vigour on the part of government (which it has admirably displayed in the Peter Wright affair) would make the task of us newspaper men much easier, and a great deal more honourable.

however... Philip Howard

## Writing off the loved one

They manage things differently in Scotland. From the cut of their jibs to the cut of their girths, it is another country. The difference shows in death as in life. In darkest Ayrshire a funeral is a social occasion rather than a private embarrassment, perhaps because there is so little else to do. The village takes the day off. All the men go to the inn. The women stay at home and bake and make sandwiches for the funeral bakemeats and boozing.

In the South the graveyard is hidden away to avoid reminding busy southern folk of their mortality, so that a man can spend a whole day looking for Richard Burton's tented tomb in West London. In North Britain God's half-acre is planted prominently above the town in order to keep man's long home before everybody's eyes; and there is a contest to keep up with the MacHaggises in size and magnificence of grave-stones, as with prams.

The local graveyard at Maybole is a forest of high-rise obelisks, broken pillars, shrouded urns, and Celtic crosses. The latest fashion is for gilded sunrises on black marble, with a photograph of the Dear Departed inset. Scottish epitaphs are chatter than the English tradition, often like legal documents, explaining how the Free Church congregation from somewhere has relinquished its right to this plot in exchange for something else. As you go on in the left an inscription commemorates a surgeon, "a victim to the faithful discharge of professional duty, from a poisoned puncture received at a post mortem examination for the public interest."

Scottish epitaphs are touching as well as funny. "Erected to the memory of John MacFarlane, drowned in the Water of Leith by a few affectionate friends." The penchant for awful verse affects lapidary inscriptions as well as the death notices in the darkest Ayrshire press.

We have to mourn the loss of one  
We did our best to save  
Ti-tum ti-tum ti-tum ti-tum  
And - can't you see it  
coming? - grave.

Double entendre and oxymoron, the combination of the domestic diurnal with the awesome eternal, are what make epitaphs memorable. For example: "Sacred to the memory of Major James Brush, who was killed by accidental discharge of a pistol by his orderly, 14th April, 1831. Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Epitaphs, like obituary notices in *The Times*, are enlivened when a bit of disabbling candour creeps into the mourning eulogy. Here is the most candid I know, also about an army officer, in the form, roughly, in which it appears.

"Here lieth the Body of a Colonel DON FRANCISCO; Who with an inflexible Constancy And immitable Uniformity of Life, Persisted in Spight of Age and Infirmity in the Practice of every human Vice, Excepting Prodigality and Hypocrisy. His insatiable Avarice Exempting him from the first, And his matchless Impudence From the latter. Nor was he more singular in that undeviating Vice, Than successful in accumulating Wealth; Having without Trust of public Money, Bribed worthy Service, Trade or Profession Acquired, or rather created A Ministerial Estate. Among the Singularities of his Life and Fortune Be likewise commemorated, That he was the only Person in his Time Who cheated without the Mask of Honesty. Who could retain his primeval Meanness, After being possessed of 10,000 Pounds a Year; And who, having done every Day of his Life Something worthy of a Gibbet, was Once condemned to one for what he had not done. Think not, indignant Reader, His Life useless to Mankind. PROVIDENCE Favoured, or rather connived at His execrable Designs. That he might remain To this, and future Ages A conspicuous Proof and Example Of how small Estimation Exorbitant Wealth is held in the sight of the Almighty By his bestowing it on The most unworthy Of all the Descendants of Adam."

Epitaphs are a golden opportunity for idiosyncratic capitalization, punctuation, spelling, italics, and *Sour Grapes*.

Conscious wit is less effective than unconscious boob on grave-stone, but it has its moments. W.C. Fields proposed: "On the whole I'd rather be in Philadelphia." Lionel Barrymore: "Well, I've played everything but a harp." Clark Gable: "This is too deep for me." Eric Morecambe wanted something short and simple, like: "Back in Five Minutes." Dorothy Parker: "Excuse My Dust." Robert Benchley on an actress: "At last she sleeps alone." In the land of the moving proper van, where the nearest proper bookshop is in darkest Dumfries, the grave-stones in the cemetery are the best available read.





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## BACK TO THE STARS

Americans once felt pride in their achievements in space; they now feel disillusioned by the apparent limitations of their own technological prowess. Such has been the effect of last year's shuttle disaster, which claimed the lives of seven astronauts, and the subsequent lesser failures of a series of routine unmanned space missions. The destruction of Challenger set the shuttle programme back years. Whether or not the US space effort can be redirected in its wake depends heavily on the response to a contentious report that is now open for debate.

Dr Sally Ride, America's first woman in space, designed her report to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a message to counter disillusion. It contains two key recommendations. The first calls for the establishment of a permanent scientific outpost on the Moon by the year 2,000, capable of supporting up to thirty astronauts living and working on the lunar surface for months at a time. The second proposes three one-year manned round trips to Mars early in the next century, with the ultimate goal of establishing a US colony on the red planet.

These are heady recommendations, and there can be little doubt that their objective is to recapture the high ground of space exploration, which many Americans feel, with some justification, they have lost to the Soviet Union. They offer a vision of progress of the kind that has so often motivated the greatest human action in the past. But, while it would be a mistake to dismiss the visionaries out of hand or to impose limits on the range of their ideas, it is essential to recognize too the practical limitations, both technological and financial, on the exploration of space.

Dr Ride's report shows little awareness of these limitations, albeit for reasons that are readily understandable in the context of American politics. Behind her attempt to establish a new set of national priorities for the American space programme lies NASA's constant anxiety that, without clear public demand, Congressional enthusiasm for expensive space projects will wane. The most effective way of marshalling such demand is to put Americans in space, and especially on the surface of our neighbouring planets.

The unstated assumptions lying behind Dr Ride's recommendations are that the colonization of the Moon and Mars is technologically

feasible, financially viable and ultimately beneficial for our understanding of the solar system. Unfortunately, all three of these assumptions must be seriously questioned. The disintegration of Challenger off the coast of Florida demonstrated in the most dramatic fashion possible the extent to which space flight is still in its infancy. Until the present generation of space vehicles has overcome this limitation, it is little short of recklessness to talk seriously of embarking on more ambitious projects.

Although no estimates for a manned station on the Moon or Mars have yet been produced, the costs of constructing the proposed permanently manned US space station, which vary between \$18 and \$30 billion, indicate that a similar undertaking on a heavenly body is probably prohibitive. And while small colonies of scientists living on extra-terrestrial outposts would undoubtedly contribute to our understanding of the universe, it cannot be claimed, at this stage at least, that they are vital.

In recognition of these constraints, it is to the permanently manned space station that US energies and vision must now be turned. For it is in this area of space exploration that the Soviet Union has slowly and determinedly chalked up impressive gains, and in this area that much of the technological progress and experience for more ambitious adventures into space during the next century will be acquired.

Work on the manned space station starts in earnest in November when NASA is expected to award eight billion dollars worth of contracts to domestic and foreign aerospace companies for the construction of the space station's structural framework and pressurized laboratories. If all goes to schedule, the space station will be fully operational by 1996, 10 years after the Soviet Union successfully put its own Mir space station into orbit.

The US space station will be the primary focus of space activity well into the next century. The modesty of the project provides little inspiration for the visionaries who want to reach for the stars today. But it will also be the stepping stone for the next leap into space, when the time comes, and the eventual colonization of the solar system. There is little doubt that these things will ultimately come to pass. For the present, however, while NASA's gaze is to the stars, its feet should remain firmly on the ground.

## HOW TO BEGGAR ZIMBABWE

Of the 59 countries on the African continent only eight hold to some semblance of a multi-party democracy. That number is now due to shrink still further as President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe prepares to consign the Lancaster House constitution to the scrap heap.

It is true that Mr Mugabe has been punctilious in not tampering with the arrangement until the period specified in the Lancaster House Agreement had lapsed. Few, moreover, will shed a tear for the loss of the 20 "white seats", a device designed to soothe white fears and secure Mr Ian Smith's acquiescence to the settlement. The 80,000 or so remaining whites now (correctly) see their future as part of a fully integrated Zimbabwe.

It is Mr Mugabe's determination to turn his country into yet another one-party state which is truly to be deplored. The arguments advanced for one-party African dictatorships are many, varied and (superficially at least) seductive to Western minds. These have been persuaded that true democracy is a Western invention and to visit it on states with other cultures, traditions and problems is simply an example of latent paternalism. Somewhat more persuasive is the argument that separate parties, which invariably have their roots in ethnic loyalties, exacerbate the enduring tribal divisions which have plunged so much of Africa into bloody civil strife.

But if democracy is a Western invention, cynicism is not. A glance at post-liberation African history shows that, however high-minded the arguments for one-party dictatorships have seemed on the surface, they have been no guarantee of either stability or unity. In the last 40 years Africa has been racked by more than 70 coups and civil wars. Of even greater significance is the fact that the handful of states (such as Botswana) which retained a multi-party system, have also been among the

few islands of peace on the continent. In Africa one-party rule has been used as it always has been elsewhere — to strengthen the ruling elite's grip on power, to advance its privileges, to promote corruption and bureaucratic inefficiency and to stifle dissent. There is little reason to suppose that Zimbabwe will be any different.

It can be safely predicted that the bureaucracy (the only growth area in the faltering Zimbabwean economy) will continue to flourish and expand. But it is extremely doubtful whether the slogan of "one Zimbabwe, one nation" will disguise the real and justified sense of grievance among the Ndebele of Matabeleland who have enjoyed none of the benefits of independence. It will do nothing to attract desperately needed foreign investors, already frightened by Mr Mugabe's Marxist rhetoric and his refusal to provide them with any guarantees.

One-party government is not the remedy for Zimbabwe's crippling foreign debt, its lack of foreign exchange, its growing unemployment and its negative growth rate of around 6 per cent. Far from being a political prophylactic against the maladministration and economic chaos which have plagued Africa, it will (if history is any guide) actively promote the disease.

Last year, Mr Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, the African leader who more than any other promoted the benefits of the one-party state, confessed that he had been wrong. His benefits were illusory, he told a stunned audience in Lusaka. Its true gifts were inefficiency, corruption and weakness. Mr Nyerere begged his country before he saw the light. It is probably too much to hope that Mr Mugabe will benefit from his older colleague's experience before he does the same to his own.

### Safely grazing

From Mr David Martin  
Sir, I am sure that your correspondent, Ms Dorothy Blundell (August 20), is correct in thinking that wild creatures may be learning to live with the motor car, at least along those highways where both motorists and animals, birds, etc try to co-exist.

Carriots and magpies are using the animal carcasses along the motorways and trunk roads to their own benefit, but a recent experience in the Forest of Dean leads me to believe that wiser four-footed animals are learning the hazards of present-day traffic being in-built into the genes, perhaps?

Along the B4227 from Upper Soudley to Blakeney there were some sheep drowsing both sides of the road at one rather narrow point with S-bends, so I adjusted my speed accordingly to be prepared for any sudden movement. Most of the animals were tucked inside the roadside white lines, but the rear feet of one or four protruded some three or four inches. However, as I approached, it neatly, if somewhat lethargically, tucked its toes back inside the white line.

Dumb sheep? I think not!  
Yours sincerely,  
D. MARTIN,  
52 Berkeley Road,  
Fishponds, Bristol, Avon.  
August 20.

### 'Spycatcher' ruling

From Mr N. G. Shipley  
Sir, Mr Dalby (August 18) may well be right in observing that the Government's dilemma lies in finding a suitable cause of action to use in seeking to prevent the disclosures in *Spycatcher* obtaining general exposure amongst members of the British and other public. However, the law of copyright is probably not the potent weapon that Mr Dalby thinks it may be.

While the dividing line between information (unprotectable) and the form in which it is expressed (protectable) may often be hard to draw, there can be little doubt that Mr Wright could have promulgated his theses as to the deficiencies in the British secret service without having infringed the copyright in any document to which he may have had access while in the secret service.

Many countries provide no protection for English copyright works. In other countries enforcement may be dependent upon prior registration of the particular works alleged to be about to be pirated. There is the problem of the ghost writer who undertakes the writing of the work to be complained of. He will acquire a copyright, and that copyright may be unfettered by contractual arrangements to which he is not privy.

If one may comment more generally upon the *Spycatcher* case, there is a feeling abroad, probably unjustified, that the law of confidentiality information and the recent novel extensions of the law of contempt are being used to replace section 2 of the Official Secrets Act.

Unless and until the House of Lords reviews and reverses the decision in the *Spycatcher* interlocutory appeal, such findings of law as were set out in the speeches of the majority of their Lordships represent the common law of the land.

Those speeches (as reported by you) made no reference to any authority, nor were they expressed in general terms. However, it is plain that the view that information once available to the public could not, if subsequently derived from publicly-available sources, be protected from further use or disclosure (save in a situation of earlier wrongful use) can no longer be regarded as good law.

This being the case, the law of confidentiality information, insofar as it relates not to spies but to commercial and technical information, needs to be reassessed.

Yours faithfully,  
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3 Pump Court,  
Temple, EC4,  
August 18.

## Lessons of Hungerford massacre

From Captain S. N. L. Emmis  
Sir, Your leader (August 21) on gun law suggested that the prevention of further horrors caused by the misuse of guns may lie with tighter controls on their possession. Others have expressed the view that limitations should be imposed on the number of guns that one is entitled to possess. Such restrictions would no doubt bear heavily upon the genuine collectors of military hardware and the sportsmen wishing to extend their ability by the possession and use of a number of guns having different characteristics.

Perhaps Mr Colin Smith, Chief Constable of Thames Valley, was close to an acceptable answer to the problem when he was quoted (report, August 21) as saying that "it does seem incredible that a man is allowed to keep ammunition in his own home". There could be little objection to allowing enthusiasts to keep their collections of sporting or military guns provided that they were not permitted to possess ammunition.

Could the police be made responsible for the stocking, issue and supervision of all ammunition, except where a licensed shooting range can prove their security and supervision are sufficient to make this unnecessary? This would ensure that the use of guns would only be possible at times and places approved by the police authorities and should not inconvenience the genuine sportsman who is prepared to make a telephone call in advance to ensure that the appropriate ammunition may be made available for him.

Yours faithfully,  
S. N. L. EMMIS,  
The Tower, Tower Hill  
Lower Downing, Clwyd.  
August 21.

From Dr W. D. E. Wells  
Sir, The events of yesterday in Hungerford must make us all wonder whether anyone should possess a gun. If they do, can we be certain that they are safe to have one?

I know, as a family doctor, that one of the requirements for a shotgun certificate is the signature of a member of a profession or a recognised member of the community vouching for the applicant. I am a doctor, but I do not undertake this task.

I do know, having visited the local police station today, that information I may have which would make the issuing of any form of gun certificate wrong may never be sought by the relevant authority. Therefore, would it not be sensible for a full confidential medical report to be obtained from the family doctor first? Yours faithfully,  
W. DENYS WELLS,  
Forge Farm House, Forge Lane,  
Footley,  
Lichfield, Staffordshire.  
August 20.

From Mr Ken Sloan  
Sir, Regarding the terrible shootings in Hungerford, I observe that Mr Colin Greenwood is once again casting a smokescreen over the fact that the killer was in lawful possession of the firearms used. I refer to *The Times* (August 20) in which he is reported to have said that the number of illegal weapons is far higher than the 160,000 firearms certificates and 840,000 shotgun licences held currently in Britain and that the extent of illegal arms possession is indicated by the thousands of weapons confiscated each year.

In this month's issue of Mr Greenwood's magazine, *Gun Re-*

view, the type of weapons used by Michael Ryan when he went berserk are advertised on many pages. He has, therefore, a vested interest in protecting the firearm-owning readers of this publication.

The fact remains that the majority of people killed by the use of firearms are shot by certificate holders. It tends to be forgotten that there is a proviso to section 27 of the Firearms Act 1968 regarding the issue of firearm certificates, which reads: "Provided that a firearm certificate shall not be granted to a person whom the chief officer of police has reason to believe to be prohibited from possessing a firearm to which section 5 applies, or to be of intemperate habits, or for any reason unfitted to be entrusted with such a firearm."

My personal view of this is that anyone wishing to possess an automatic or semi-automatic weapon, such as the Kalashnikov or M1 carbine, must be of unsound mind or unfitted to be entrusted with such a firearm.

Following a report to the Home Office in 1983, the Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Leon Brittan, wrote that he was not certain that the situation was as grave as I suggested. I replied:

I may have made the situation graver than it actually is and hope that this is so, as I certainly never want to be in the position of saying "I told you so".

Yours faithfully,  
KEN SLOAN (Legal Editor),  
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From Mr David Holbrook  
Sir, There will now, of course, be an enquiry into "gun control", and this will seem a real problem, with possible solutions. There is, however, an underlying problem which will remain taboo — not least because there are so many vested interests even in preventing its consideration.

This question may be indicated by asking, can anyone any longer doubt that films like *Rambo* have an effect? This points to a wider question — how much can commercial culture be allowed to exploit consciousness and thrust fantasies of a violent kind into minds at large?

The problem is that of the appeal of hate: hate seems to offer strong solutions, in terms of living at the expense of others. In this, our culture often idolises the aggressive type, whether it is a film offering a lesson that women really enjoy being raped, a television play that suggests cynically that the only "solution" is to shoot, or a pop cult which offers savagery as the way to feel a powerful sense of identity.

To those of us who have studied the problem, the vast pressures of mis-education abroad are horrifying. If one looks at the phenomenological evidence — that is, the symbolism — there can be no doubt where to look for the origins of immense new changes in our society for the worse, whether in the behaviour of adolescents, or in sexual crime, or in the acting out of gun fantasies. Yet anyone who raises the question of how far a sick culture may be allowed to go without danger to democracy finds a bone pointed at him, so that debate is now actually suppressed and the "no effects" lobby still holds power. Yet all that is needed is a change of taste and standards so that the endorsement of evil and moral inversion may come into question.

Yours etc.,  
DAVID HOLBROOK,  
Denmore Lodge,  
Brunswick Gardens, Cambridge.

### Muslims in Britain

From the Reverend W. H. Taylor  
Sir, Your series on Islam in Britain (August 17-19) is welcome and timely. Muslims already represent a significant section of the overall religious scene in Britain and will increasingly become more significant and certainly more visible.

The specific contribution of Islam in this country, in completing the remaining third of the Abrahamic faith, can be great. But its successful contribution will depend on reciprocity — a willingness not only of Muslims to make available the best of their traditions to their fellow Britons, but also on a genuine welcome and acceptance by the more established religious groups, principally the Christian churches.

This reciprocity has been generally practised by Muslim nations with regard to their Christian citizens. It cannot, therefore, be inappropriate to request the same kind of tolerance for the Christian churches in the kingdom which is the guardian of Islam's holiest place — Saudi Arabia. Yours very sincerely,  
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,  
All Saints Vicarage,  
7 Margaret Street, W1.

### Debt to Europe

From Mr F. M. M. Steiner  
Sir, Two years ago the tercentenary arrivals was suitably commemorated. Your obituary of Hans Motz (August 13) and Peter Schidlof (August 17), both emigrants from Hitler's Europe, and your generous tribute to the Amadeus Quartet (leading article, August 18) call to mind similar but more recent events.

In both cases a relatively small number of people made a contribution to their adopted countries in different fields, and perhaps out of proportion to the numbers involved. The differences are as striking as the similarities, not least that of motivation.

Presumably it takes more courage and stamina to flee, as the French Protestants did, for reasons of conscience, when apostasy would have been possible, than to flee for dear life (as most of us did) because there is no alternative. Another difference lies in the survival over 300 years of a proud tradition, and of adequate documentation.

Most traces of the central European arrivals of the 1930s will vanish within a generation at most, unless the facts are established and recorded now. It will remain possible to identify some of these refugees and their work from published sources, such as business histories, academic directories and publications, exhibition catalogues and even honours lists; but if any comprehensive research were envisaged, time is short.

Those who were distinguished when they arrived were old and are dead. The majority of those of us still alive are reaching retirement age, even if we came as children. Few of the next generation, probably already born here or overseas, will have any memories, or will perhaps be unwilling to pursue their origins. Perhaps some sort of study could be undertaken while enough living witnesses remain.

Yours faithfully,  
F. M. M. STEINER,  
Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1.  
August 20.

### Dress sense

From Mrs Jean Denton  
Sir, I was interested to see (Fashion, August 18) that the fashion shows at Harrods for a new range of executive clothes were scheduled for 11 a.m., noon, 2 pm and 4 pm. Do we enter a visit in the diary as "Dentist"?

Looking professional is important; behaving professionally, more so. Yours faithfully,  
JEAN DENTON, Director,  
Burson-Marsteller,  
24-28 Bloomsbury Way, WC1.

## Feasibility of Soviet space plans

From the Managing Director of Commercial Space Technologies  
Sir, We at Commercial Space Technologies disagree strongly with the comments (August 20) of the Astronomer Royal and Sir Bernard Lovell, FRS, about the potentially harmful consequences of Soviet plans for the industrialisation of space. Many of the concerns expressed have already been addressed by extensive studies in both the West and the Soviet Union. It is the height of naivety to interpret everything the Soviets do and plan in space in military terms.

The most powerful argument against such an interpretation in this case is the sheer scale of the programme, involving the expenditure of many hundreds of billions of dollars. Not even a planned socialist state could possibly afford a purely military project on that scale. Only one that promised massive (but clearly very long-term) returns could be contemplated.

In addition, the Energiya rocket has such immense potential for launching heavy masses that it far outstrips the most optimistic estimates of military launch needs. Furthermore, it is evident from its design that the Energiya system is optimised for economical and frequent launches.

The engines involved in Energiya generate extremely low levels of air pollution, a conclusion reached by a report published recently by the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. We estimate that it would require about 3,000 Energiya launches to produce the same pollution as a single US space shuttle launch, this because the solid rocket boosters used by the shuttle are extremely polluting. The Soviets have published extensive studies into ecologically acceptable rocket designs and Energiya is likely to have engines optimised not only for maximum performance but also for minimum pollution.

An Energiya launch a day may sound fantastic, but it is the kind of rate that Soviet heavy vehicle design and feasibility studies have considered in detail. Soviet launches using relatively expensive expendable vehicles are currently nearly two a week.

Contrary to the remarks by Smith and Lovell, the great bulk of feasibility studies about solar power satellites (SPS) have concluded that they represent an extremely viable project financially, especially if launch costs come down to \$200 a pound into orbit, 30 times cheaper than the US space shuttle and which we believe Energiya will ultimately achieve.

The huge initial capital costs are the only drawback. These appear daunting to Western planners, but long-term returns would be far more acceptable to Soviet planning bureaux. Extensive published Soviet studies suggest that SPS could halve the price of electricity to Soviet industry within 30 years.

The safety aspects of SPS systems have been very extensively

### Black-out bikers

From Dr M. J. Gordon  
Sir, Following your "On This Day" report of August 12, 1939, on lessons of the black-out, there is one incident that does perhaps deserve recording as a case of "evolution" in the British Army.

After the Munich "settlement" in 1938 Sir Malcolm Campbell, the famous racing driver, collected together some 200 17 to 18-year-old motor cyclists whose only interest was their motor cycles and, on the outbreak of war, presented them to the Army as ready-made dispatch riders.

During the "phoney war" deaths on the road from the black-out were horrendous. These motor cyclists were asked to patrol the roads and to point out any flagrant dangerous driving. They were given the status of motor-bike mounted police. They did not particularly want to be policemen but at least they had their beloved bikes.

Later when the black-out became much more established and the slaughter on the roads diminished, the Army considered these cyclists to be "surplus to requirements". Their bikes were taken away and they found themselves still policemen but "flat-footed", much to their dismay.

I wonder whether any of these boys stayed in the police force and, if so, what heights they reached. Yours faithfully,  
M. J. GORDON,  
99 Colindale Lane, NW9.  
August 19.

### Piling it on

From Mr E. C. Dain  
Sir, Mr H. I. Alexander (August 14) calls attention to the boring use of jargon, even in the pages of *The Times*.

Is nothing headed nowadays which is not spearheaded, and are there no records which are not track records?

Why are currencies kept in baskets and why are redundant workers decapitated (axed)? It seems a pity that members of a profession whose work is literary composition are apparently unable to write good English and sometimes reveal ignorance of elementary grammar.

For example, the choice of "who" or "whom" seems more often than not to be the result of a bad guess.

Yours faithfully,  
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August 14.

studied and the conclusion is that the risks involved are minimal and containable. But the benefits of SPS are so great that these risks pale into insignificance, particularly when compared to the risks versus the benefits of nuclear power. Space power would be a cheap, clean and limitless supply of energy. Industrial pollution would decline sharply as ground-based power is phased out and there is hardly a single aspect of life that would not benefit.

But, above all, space power systems provide the only way yet discovered to avoid the massive global pollution disaster that will devastate the world within the next century if man continues with current plans for further industrial expansion.

Now is indeed the time to call for more studies into the effects of Soviet plans. It is not, however, appropriate to spread alarm and despondency for a project that could literally save the world from what every expert who has examined future trends in industrial development has concluded will be inevitable industrial and economic collapse.

Yours faithfully,  
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## ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 24 1876

The Ring of the Nibelung was first performed at Bayreuth on August 13, 14, 16, 17, 1876. The conductor was Hans Richter. James William Davidson, Music Critic of *The Times*, though distrustful of Wagner's work, contributed some excellent articles on the festival.

### THE WAGNER FESTIVAL

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BAIREUTH, Aug. 23.

That a dramatic poem like the Ring des Nibelungen could not possibly be set to music in the received operatic fashion will be apparent to any one who has attentively perused the three dramas with their prologue. Every word placed in the mouth of every character must be distinctly conveyed, while the dramatic action is carried on from end to end without interruption. Thus, it may be argued, the thing itself is complete without music; and the argument would hold good for ordinary intelligences. Wagner, however, is not an ordinary intelligence; and his scheme for making the drama a combination of the arts includes music as a very essential element. True, it is the poet — the "all-poet" — who rules; and from what the poet thinks and speaks the musician must obediently take his cue. Happily, Wagner, in his dramas, plays the part both of poet and musician; and while composing his music he is in much the same position as an accompanist following a singer whom he cannot naturally control. We consider it barely practicable for any musician except Wagner himself to furnish music for one of Wagner's dramas; that is of course, in the perfected stage revealed, as he insists, in *Tristan and Isolde* and the Ring des Nibelungen. He might, doubtless, set the whole to recitative — either "parlante" or with accompaniment; but, forbidden all the hitherto accepted varieties of musical form, in the way of airs, duets, trios, etc. — even choruses and concerted finales, as they are generally understood, being excluded — he would find himself at a loss to make the characters declaim, or the orchestra play in exact accordance with the poet's innermost promptings. How could he, indeed? The orchestra must for ever be doing something like a wind that is always blowing, or a stream that is always flowing, or trees that are always bending in obedience to the swaying of the breeze; but what that something shall be the poet alone can decide. Thus, in conceiving the drama of the future, that poet and musician must be one and inseparable would seem to follow as a Wagnerian deduction. . . . Wagner's symphony may be likened to an omnicoloured kaleidoscope, where the same bits of painted glass incessantly appear and disappear, yielding prominence to others that have been seen before, and puzzling the eye of the examiner, as the Wagner orchestra puzzles, while it frequently enchants, the ear. Without being distinguished by anything affording evidence of uncommon contrapuntal skill, it is crowded with details, many of which, till after repeated hearings, would elude detection, however closely scrutinized. These may possibly be typified by "the multitudinous forest voices" and "countless hosts of stars" referred to in Wagner's famous comparison of his own symphony to a solitary visitor by "a fine forest on a summer evening," and "the ever-growing eloquence of silence" — the great forest melody, the many melodies in one, that, while never ceasing to haunt the memory, cannot be repeated or hummed, and to hear which again a return to the woods, on a summer night, is indispensable (a tolerably plain hint that the Wagnerian music cannot be heard too often). . . .











## THE ARTS

## Living cause

Good stories do the rounds, if always a little differently. Last night in *Cause Célèbre* (ITV), Ken Taylor's adaptation of Terence Rattigan's play, it was Bowman with the mallet in the sitting-room. In the 1977 stage production of *Cause Célèbre* it had been Wood with the mallet. Not of course that they were shown bashing the old buffer in. But in Simon Gray's stage play *Molly* (also 1977) we actually saw that it was Oliver with the shears in the

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unfortunately named "living-room". Probably it was the same with Gray's much earlier television play *Death of a Teddy Bear*, but that long ago was done in by the programme-wiper in the BBC archives.

The famous Rattenbury case of the 1930s has no doubt inspired other works. The story of a wife who seduces young chauffeur who kills old impotent husband is still strong enough to bear reworking. Anglia's taking over two hours to tell us it again relied however too much on the strong cast (with Harry Andrews and Helen Mirren as the Rattenburys and David Morrissey as the chauffeur). Taylor, though, made some interesting alterations to the stage play which in turn was significantly different from Gray's free reworking of the facts, which had no courtroom drama or children. (Alma Rattenbury's bedding a servant in front of one of her sleeping sons added to the vicious outrage of public opinion.)

One last night in this extended dramatization of events was the Rattigan subplot about the woman juror with a separated husband and venerably deceased son which rather crudely counterpointed the public prejudice. A more liberated Alma now denies that she would have slept with her husband if asked. Linguistically, it was a mix. Alma "threw up" (surely in reality she "up-checked") but the quaint use of "living" for sexual intercourse was a delight. When it comes to living or dying in such courtroom causes *Célèbre* one person's stinker is another's stinker.

Andrew Hislop

## Inventive variants of Brecht

Severer in its use of sets than Brecht's influential, much-photographed production of 30 years ago, the current version of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* by Peter Kupke for the Berliner Ensemble also omits the famous revolve. Trudging along on this, against the direction of the turntable, the simple pantry-maid Grusche carried her employer's abandoned child on its hazardous journey to safety.

Kupke uses a fixed stage, flooded with flagstones shiny from use, and settings of the various stages of her flight are carried in from the wings. The entrance of the mountains brings an involuntary smile: three flat canvas shapes, with a stagehand crouched behind each, which play a sort of grandmother's footsteps around Grusche and the pursuing soldiers.

There is a moment when it seems possible that Monty Python will sink out from behind one of these patched objects, but this nearly-comic device is used with such confidence that what we are persuaded to see is a constantly changing panorama of wild landscapes, from so many different viewpoints as to fix in our minds the fact of

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## The Caucasian Chalk Circle King's Theatre

the girl's arduous, desperate trek. I mention this at some length because it shows how a feature deemed essential to a production (and once proclaimed as such) can be jettisoned with little loss if the imaginative flair to find an alternative exists.

Less welcome is the return of the half-curtain, whizzing across the front of the stage at the end of scenes. The draw-strings remain visible through the performance but this is just another non-realist element stimulating and effective. Like the white-faced hand-dancers and the blue noses for the soldiers. The trouble is that it slows down the progress of the story, even in the vivid second half where Ekkehard Schall's unforgettable Azdak, rascal-turned-judge, delivers his bizarrely satisfying ver-

dicts at break-tongue speed, after which we must wait around for the next event.

Azdek is one of the show parts of 20th-century drama, and it is miserable that so few of our own actors are ever given a chance at it. An irresistible combination of frank physicality with profound human understanding, sprawling on his judgement seat, cringing if he judges it politic, but drawn to anyone who stands up to him, vengeful and wise, Schall gathers up these swirling elements into a performance of winning exuberance. Yet he never lets you forget how the character is most vital and cruelly itself when silent and watching.

Kupke brings a cooler note to the scene when Grusche (Franziska Troegner) shows courage, enterprise and other maternal virtues. Crossing the ravine, even the refusal to pull the child out of the circle comes across as smaller in significance than the wedding scene that crams 20 guests into one half of a mountain hut or the dangerously idle soldiery, slowly biting their way through a hoard of gold coins and embodying threat with the slightest roll of an eyeball.

Jeremy Kingston



The unforgettable Ekkehard Schall as Azdak (right) clutching Michael Gerber as Schauwa

## Father figure

The Berliner Ensemble, the company founded by Bertolt Brecht in 1949, is currently playing at the Edinburgh Festival, so it made sense for BBC radio to supply a little background on the writer. The form this came in, *Glimpses of Bertolt Brecht* (Radio 3, Sunday) carried a modest title and was, indeed, a modest programme. Shaped from an oral memoir by Brecht's daughter Barbara Brecht-Schall, one could have anticipated at least

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some fresh insight into his family life, into his feelings during his exile from Germany and into the way these interacted with his writing. Regrettably, it was not to be.

Instead there was affectionate reminiscence, such as any daughter might produce. The glimpses seemed strained and filtered, creating the strong suspicion that Barbara did not know her father very well. The conclusion may be that Brecht retained a certain distance from his family's embrace. If that was the case, the programme failed to make it explicit.

Attempts were made to compensate for the absence of Brecht the man by the reading of poems by Brecht the writer. They simply emphasized how much texture was missing from his daughter's account. There was more life when we were permitted to hear Brecht himself, during his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, being questioned about whether he was, or ever had been, a communist. Such was his wit, courtesy and understanding of the proceedings as theatre that the listener was left wanting more of that and less of Barbara.

She did remember one gem, however. She recalled how, when the man came to serve Brecht his summons to appear before the committee, he was drunk. This put him in a sufficiently mellow mood to advise Brecht to claim a first-class rail fare for the trip to Washington, but actually to make the journey by car. In that way he could at least make some cash out of his misfortune.

Such imaginative possibilities were far from the thoughts of David Bean's series. The Village (Radio 4, Sunday). Adopting the terms of affectionate tolerance, he visited Castle Carrock in Cumberland to investigate its life and inhabitants during the community's children's carnival.

It was a gentle programme about gentle people, so one balks at being too critical. But surely there was more of interest in the village than a discussion about the importance of a local shop or how there were fewer houses around in times past. Such information hardly took us to the hidden heart of England.

John Marshall

## Kaleidoscopic excitement

The notion that Japanese theatre must be ancient and stately dies hard, but it should be knocked spinning into its coffin by the spectacular show brought from Tokyo by Hideki Noda's company Yume no Yumisha.

Roughly translated, this means "Idlers Dreaming" and, while the second word perfectly fits the abrupt changes of scene and characters in Noda's plays, as well as the bizarre fragments of plot that sometimes come to the surface, there seems no way of understanding "Idlers" except as irony. Only very occasionally is there a moment's pause. Only once is a speech listened to quietly on the stage, and this is a longish one delivered by Noda himself (who also directs, though appears not to have built the set, scored the lush music or sold the programmes).

His company is now some 10 years old and the plays he turns out for them draw packed houses of largely young audiences, the television generation who pick up their fragments of fact and culture through channel-hopping. Attention-span is short, comprehension must be fitful, and it is this rapid transition, zigzagging between any number of

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Lyceum

elements, that marks the style Noda has made his own.

Some words about the plot. A young boxer called Apollo wins his first fight the day of the first landing on the Moon, where the Rabbit (Japanese equivalent of our Man in the Moon) turns out to be a Bunny Girl. Cut to circus where acrobats do their routine, smiling at the audience, to a surge of music. Cut to 10th-century Japan where the dainty authoress of "The Tale of Genji" is chatting up a princess played by the author himself. From the gulps of astonished laughter bursting in the audience from Japanese speakers, it is evident that the style of their chat — probably more so than the content — drives a Mitsubishi at full tilt through the customary decorum of women's talk.

The synopsis given in the programme is written with tongue wedged firmly in cheek, and an extra layer of comedy is provided by the presence in a circle box of Katsuya Kobayashi, one of Japan's most popular television entertainers, got

up in a white kimono, who views the stage with polite attention and glosses the events in genial American idiom.

The author has now turned himself into Thor Heyerdahl aboard a raft with a boy-hero from a Jules Verne novel. The boxer is discovered to be missing one of his ribs, and this curious detail develops into the steadiest element of plot amid the leaping scientists, bull-fights, monocyclists and splitting rafts.

The company's energy is thrilling. Many of them repeatedly change poses and expressions, like characters jerked through the frames of a strip-cartoon. Speed turns the stage into a cartoon arena where a figure can vanish in the blink of an eye or, behind the flourish of a paper hoop, turn into someone else.

And to what purpose the pursuit of the man's missing rib? The rabbit who loses her tail? The step on the moon that alters (as in Stoppard's *Jumpers*) everything that has gone before? Better to let the mind rest, watch the bright patterns cascade across this glittering surface and marvel at the feverish inventions of humankind.

J.K.

## Pittsburgh SO/ Maazel Usher Hall

Although the second of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's five concerts hardly put itself into the slender category of the memorable, it was several degrees less controversial, and hence more convincing, than the first. Its contents, a showy work by Morton Gould, Hindemith's *Symphonic Markis der Maler* and Brahms's *Second Piano Concerto*, clearly suited Lorin Maazel's temperament better than did Beethoven on Friday, while there was also a hero to be marvelled at in Peter Donohoe, a late substitute for the injured Horacio Gutierrez in the Brahms.

Donohoe's performance was typically strong-willed, even occasionally a little hard at the edges. His singing tone has roots that seem to stretch deep beneath the keys, and however busy the part becomes there is for him no skimping. In addition his intellectual command

of Brahms's formal designs is impressively profound. Generally Maazel elicited a firm, responsive support from the orchestra.

Maazel's performance of *Markis der Maler* revealed those little pockets of tentativeness in the orchestra that had marked his Beethoven. Yet this work is nothing if not bold in gesture and colour, and the neo-classical content of its language is enough to remove the temptation for a conductor to distort — which is not to say that it interprets itself. The strengths and beauties of this triptych, if not illumined by a perceptible spirituality, were at least seen under a pleasingly clear daylight.

True to its title, Morton Gould's *Classical Variations on Colonial Themes* (1985) sounded rather like Copland at his most linguistically conservative, only less taut in construction. Nevertheless the work makes an attractive opener, paying due tribute to three pioneers of American music, William Billings, Timothy Swan and Francis Hopkinson.

Stephen Pettitt

## Don dubious

Holly Hill reports from New York on a festival celebrating the Don Juan legend

The eight annual PepsiCo SummerFest, at Purchase, New York State, exposed some hot-shot directors coming out on the wrong end of smartness. Many of the festival's events were devoted to Don Juan, in celebration of the bicentennial of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. The timing for a fresh look at the combined legend of the libertine who gets away with it and the blasphemer who does not is sadly perfect. The sexual freedom of the last quarter-century has delivered us into incurable herpes and deadly Aids. Many moralizers have concluded that here libertinism and blasphemy meet, with punishment rendered not for mocking the dead but for enjoying the living.

Most of the directors apparently confused Don Juan with Narcissus. They paid lip-service to the legend, but I have never seen so many programme notes about eroticism belied by productions in which men were made to look ridiculous or repugnant.

El Tango de Don Juan, an extravaganza directed and co-created by Jerome Savary, began excitingly. Set in Spain between 1959 and 1980, the action was accompanied by sinuous tango music, and one of Don Juan's tactics in wooing Anna was to guide her through tango steps just touching one of her breasts. Trouble signals were Sganarelle urinating on-stage and werewolf howls, but Act I passed as an evocative performance of the Don Juan tale set among common people frequenting a bar with a very lively chorus.

In the second of five acts, embroidery started to obscure the design. Joseph M. Duran's music became a hodgepodge. Scenic effects turned to overkill. Between much simulated sex with the female principals, Don Juan sold dope, was hospitalized for Aids, and ended up a vampire vomiting blood. Savary's show was part legit musical, part night-club revue with bare-breasted girls galore. Ultimately it was tedious, its Don Juan figure reduced to a repulsive sleaze.

Nor was it Yuri Lyubimov's finest hour. The Don Juan story was but two parts of A Feast in the Plague Time, his arrangement and staging of



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## PROMENADE CONCERTS

BBCSO/ Pritchard  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

It is hard to remember the BBC Symphony Orchestra of the early 1970s being allowed to play a Prom programme as relaxed and unashamedly entertaining as this one (except on the Last Night, of course). The Corporation's senior orchestra perform *Sheherazade*, *The Rio Grande* and *La Valse*. Surely no chance, unless they were pieces of the same name by Milton Babbitt's computer.

Well, under John Drummond's stewardship, the Proms have regained an important dimension by turning Saturday nights to the sugar-and-spice repertoire. Sir John Pritchard proved to be a genial, if sometimes too easy-going, conductor of these fun pieces, and the orchestra appeared to revel in them.

Most fun for us, if not for the fiddle-players negotiating its tricky high-lying tunes, was Milhaud's *Le Boeuf sur le toit*. There is nothing remotely bovine about this scintillating

## Early Dance Project

Albert Hall/Radio 3

It is ironic that a chance relationship in their dates of death (1687 and 1787) should have thrust Lully and Gluck together so often this year, for their stage music could hardly be more contrasted. Lully was the arch-fixer, the backstage back-stabber, working expertly within the thousand intricate conventions of the Sun-King's court, while Gluck was the high-principled reformer, sweeping away stage conventions that were in every sense baroque, preferring simplicity to ornateness.

Unfortunately this Prom — one of only two in this "dance" season to include dancers — never really exploited the contrasts. For a start, financial restraints dictated that only a *divertissement* culled from Lully's *Le Ballet de l'amour malade* was danced, not Gluck's ballet-pantomime *Don Juan* as was originally planned. In fact *Don Juan* was played with ferocious vigour by the London Classical Players under Roger Norrington. It seemed a pity, however, to deprive the music of the visual dimension which it so graphically mirrors.

15-minute tone-poem, which originated in a particularly droll piece of Cretaceous surrealism and which returns a dozen times to the same infectious vulgar little refrain, always egged on by the rasping of a gourd. All this performance lacked was a little more rhythmic control and incisiveness, especially from the strings; a similar casualness about ensemble also occasionally marred Pritchard's full-blooded and seductively shaded interpretation of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Sheherazade*.

In Constant Lambert's *The Rio Grande*, however, the rhythmic profile — indeed the whole level of performance energy — suddenly seemed much stronger. One can confidently attribute this to David Owen Norris's brilliantly sportive piano playing, which had just the right air of insouciance to debunk those rich choral cadences, delivered clearly and tunefully by the BBC Symphony Chorus.

Holst Singers and Esterhazy Singers (who live in south London, apparently, not Hungary). Some fine, rich-toned singing from Christine Cairns made one keen to hear much more from this fast-rising Scottish mezzo.

Richard Morrison

The ballet has its longueurs, but it is magnificent where Gluck seems to anticipate just the early Romantics but the late ones as well: the overture's major/minor conflicts; the pizzicato characterization of a timid servant; the finale's startling dissonances and historic trombone entry; the great timpani strokes of the dead Commander's intrusion.

At least the dancers — eight costumed and (for the men) weightily-winged members of Kay Lawrence's Early Dance Project — did their stuff in the 27 movements of the Lully. There was much sensual grace to admire in the sarabandes where flowing arm movements stressed the swirl of the bodies, and the big ensembles were attractively patterned. But one did wonder whether Lully's more melodramatic movements could have been choreographed a little more daringly.

Norrington conducted beautifully, emphasizing a sweet, powerful melody line (some 17 fiddles plus four oboes) and milking the quirky irregularities of phrase and harmony. The soprano Catherine Piarand and tenor Maldwyn Davies sang the airs with due elegance.

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## BOOKING KEY

★ Seats available  
★ Returns only

## THEATRE

### LONDON

★ **BLESS THE BRIDE**: Splendidly staged revival of Vivian Ellis heart-warmer. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue EC1 (01-278 8916). Tube: Angel. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£16.50.

★ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT**: Return of hit blues show. Carol Wainman, Debby Bishop, Maria Friedman sing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel. Dominion Theatre, 41 Euston Road WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Thurs 8-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, £3.50-£12.90.

★ **INFIDELITIES**: William Gaskell's contemporary production of Marivaux classic comedy, with Eleanor Bron and John Lynch. Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Preview tonight, 7.45pm, press night tomorrow 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3-£10.

★ **LIGHT UP THE SKY**: Re-staged on its premiere at the Old Vic in 1985. Elphinstone's production of Moss Hart's 1940s comedy with Keith Chegwin, Melvyn, Kate O'Hara and Maxine Audley. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-437 3677). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, £7-£14.50.

★ **MEAN TEARS**: New Peter Gil play about the way lovers live now, set in this year's London. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (01-228 2222). Tube: Waterloo. 7.30-9.45pm, £7-£14.50.

★ **THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON**: See caption. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Press night tonight, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £5-£5.50.

★ **LONG RUNNERS**: ★ The Business of Murder: Mayfair Theatre (01-228 3036). ★ Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). ★ The Prince of Wales: Theatre Royal, Covent Garden (01-734 8851). ★ Street-Scene: Theatre Royal (01-379 1109). ★ Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Ambassadors Theatre (01-436 8111). ★ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-336 1443). ★ No Sex Please, We're British: Duchess Theatre (01-336 3333). ★ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-336 2244). ★ Run For Your Wife: Criterium Theatre (01-336 3315). ★ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-228 8666).

### OUT OF TOWN

★ **BATH**: Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and many others in courtroom drama by Jeffrey Archer. Theatre Royal, (0225 65005). Mon-Wed 7.30, Thurs-Sat 8.00. Stand-by seats available £2.50.

★ **CHELSEA**: Bells Are Ringing: Revival of Julie Styne's happy musical about the crossed lines of love. Everyman Theatre, Regent Street (0242 572573). 7.45pm, £5-£7.

★ **CHICHESTER**: Miranda: Clever woman outwits greedy councilors; Pamela Keith in local comedy. Festival Theatre, (01243 701512). 7.30pm, £5.50-£12.50.

★ **GUILDFORD**: Groucho: Frank Ferrante in musical show about the man with the greasiest moustache. Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Milbrook (0438 601917). 7.30, £3.50-£23.

★ **WINDSOR**: How The Other Half Lives: Marvellously inspired by Anya Yankovskaya, the one with the double dining table. Theatre Royal, Thames Street (0783 853858). 8pm, £2.50-£3.

## FILMS

★ Also on national release  
★ Advance booking possible

★ **BLACK WIDOW** (15): A homicidal psychopath kills several wealthy husbands. Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri 11.00.

★ **CHICKEN** (PG): A comedy about a chicken who is taken for a ride by a crazy King Basinger (95 mins). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri 11.00.

★ **BLIND DATE** (15): Blake Edwards' fast-moving comedy with Bruce Willis as the straight businessman taken for a ride by a crazy King Basinger (95 mins). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri 11.00.

★ **HAMBURGER HILL** (15): A picture caption at foot of page. Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri 11.00.

★ **JAWS IV - THE REVENGE** (PG): Latest shark horror with Michael Caine and Kevin Costner. Joseph Sargent directs (100 min). Empire Leicester Sq (020 2000). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Late Fri 11.15.

★ **JEAN DE FLORETE** (PG): Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about a provincial life in the 1920s, with Gérard Philipe (121 min). Curzon Mayfair (01-488 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

★ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS** (PG): Timothy Dalton follows in footprints when he assumes the mantle of James Bond. A globe-trotting plot of East-West intrigue, embracing Gibraltar, Vienna, Moscow and Afghanistan. John Glen directs his fourth Bond film (130 min).

★ **PEE-WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE** (U): A kid in an adult's body, in pursuit of his bicycle. With comic Paul Reubens as the questing hero, (91 mins).

★ **TIN MEN** (15): Bright, inventive comedy from writer-director Barry Levinson, with Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito as war-time home improvement salesman. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-336 6149). Progs 2.55, 5.30, 8.05.

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★ **Screen-On-The-Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.40, 8.55. Late Fri 11.15.

★ **Canon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35. Late Fri 11.15.

★ **PING PONG** (PG): Slight but engaging comedy-drama set in London's Chinatown, with Lucy Shu as the young lawyer trying to sort out the complicated will of a prominent community member. (100 mins). Metro (01-437 3757) 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

★ **RADIO DAYS** (PG): Woody Allen's sweet, delicate tapestry of Brooklyn families, broadcasters and Manhattan shirring boys and dreams at the end of the 1930s. With Mia Farrow, Dianne West and Seth Green (95 min). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri 11.15.

★ **THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS** (PG): Michael J Fox climbs Big Apple's business ladder with the help of deception and Helen Slater. Comedy for aspiring yuppies with an unrestrained sense of humour (111 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-336 1772). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.35. Late Fri 10.50.

★ **SUPERMAN IV** (PG): Superman tries to rid the world of nuclear weapons. Lex Luthor does his utmost to prevent him. Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri 11.15.

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Comedian John Sessions was once a star of the Edinburgh Fringe but he was forced to miss the festival this year. He was far too busy rehearsing to be the 40 characters that appear in his one-man show, *The Life of Napoleon*, which opens at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, tonight. Some of the characters are recognizably Napoleonic, but Peter O'Toole, Paul Daniels, Frank Bruno and Richard Branson all make appearances as Sessions employs the gift for mimicry he has honed on *Spriting Image*. In the show, Sessions plays Peggy Monaghan, Napoleon's mother, and plays Richard Branson playing the Emperor of Austria. "It's nice and short - just 45 minutes each half - so it pipes along at a fair old rate," Sessions said. As the hapless student Zipser he was recently blown sky-high by hundreds of gas-filled contraptions in the Channel 4 adaptation of *Porterhouse Blue*. That was his first major television role after a rather unsuccessful flirtation with the fringes of TV comedy. "But a lot of people seem to have liked *Porterhouse*," the show is directed by Kenneth Branagh and the set designed by Alexandra Byrne. Tickets are available from the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, London (01-746 3354). Show starts tonight at 7pm, then 8pm (Mon-Sat).

**DANCE**  
★ **PETRUSHKA**: Rudolf Nureyev dances this and other roles from Diaghilev's Russian ballet with Ballet Theatre Francais from Nancy. London Palladium, Argyll Street, London W1 (01-437 7373). 7.30-10.30pm. £5.50-£20.00.

★ **HUS CLOS**: A dance version of Sartre's drama, and other contemporary and classical dances, by the Cane Negro Company from Brazil with Fernando Bujoines and Yoko Kamekura as guest stars. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-228 3191). 7.30-10.30pm. £5.00-£15.00.

★ **COLOURSPACE**: Giant inflatable 'sculpture' with 64 extracurricular units to explore. Extraordinary special and colour effects, and musical accompaniment. Barbican Centre, EC2. Unit September 6, Monday to Saturday 11am-7.30pm, Sunday 12 noon-7.30pm, adult £1.50, child £1.

★ **WELSH NATIONAL OPERA**: Public booking opens today for autumn season at Birmingham, with performances in English of *Die Fledermaus*, *The Cunning Little Vixen*, *Fidelio*, and *Furor*. Oct 13-17. Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham 5. (021 622 7486).

★ **GLYNDEBOURNE**: General booking from today for Glyndebournie touring opera with programmes including premiere of *Hugoborn's The Sacrificer* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, and *Les Femmes d'Alger* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London.

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## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

August 2-31, Festival Ticket Office, 21 Market Street (01 225 5758) for credit card sales and reservations for all shows.

★ **CONCERTS**: Old Crazy: The Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Chorus perform the concert version of George Gershwin's *Girl Crazy*. Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (01 225 5758), 8pm, £2.50-£11.

★ **Paragon Ensemble**: David Davies directs the Paragon Ensemble in works by Gubaidulina, Reich and Crumb. Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street, Edinburgh (01 225 5758), 11am, £2.50-£11.

★ **THEATRE**: The Woman Warrior: Shantel Kurji Theatre gives a martial arts performance on its first ever European tour. Leith Theatre, Ferry Road, Edinburgh (01 225 5758), 7.30pm, £2.

★ **Kiddush**: Israel's leading theatre, the Cameri of Tel Aviv, with a modern play illustrating the hazards of the Friday night ritual. Performed in Hebrew. Simultaneous translation available. Pleasance Theatre, 60 The Pleasance, (01 558 6500), 8.45pm. Also tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday, £2.

★ **Mary Stuart**: Frank Dunlop's production of Schiller's tragedy - to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots. Assembly Hall, The Mount, Edinburgh (01 225 5758), 7.30pm, £2.

★ **DANCE**: Soul of the Terracotta Army: The discovery of the buried terracotta warriors has inspired this dance drama from the People's Republic of China - a scene from the *Red Sorghum*. Pleasance Theatre, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh (01 558 6500), 7.30pm, £2.

★ **ROCK**: Bruce Cockburn: First British performance in six years for the guitarist from Nova Scotia whose music has been compared to that of Dire Straits and Bruce Springsteen. In a career stretching back to 1971. Belfrage, Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Edinburgh (01 225 2427) 10pm, £4.50-£25.

★ **The Pacific Brothers**: Wry lyrical commentary combined with the sharpest of Every Brothers' harmonies from this acoustic guitar duo. Edinburgh Suite, Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Edinburgh (01 225 2427) 10pm, £2.50-£4.25.

★ **GALLERIES**: Warwick Arts Trust: The permanent collection of the London-based charity, including works by Haystack, Apollinaire and newcomers such as Madeleine Strindberg. 369 High Street, Edinburgh (01 225 7656), daily 10-5pm, free until August 25.

★ **Hockney Posters**: An exhibition celebrating the publication of a book of the same title. Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh (031 225 5311), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, free, until August 29.

★ **The Vigorous Imaginations**: A major exhibition featuring younger artists such as Steven Campbell and Calum Colvin who have put Scottish art firmly on the international map. Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belfrage Road, Edinburgh (01 558 6921), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until October 25.

★ **The Rigorous Imaginations**: A show complementing The Vigorous Imaginations, comprising challenging non-figurative and conceptual work by Scottish artists including Karel Appel, Francis Bacon, and George Murney. 15 Scotland Street, Edinburgh (01 558 6920), Tue-Sat 11-5pm, free, until September 19.

★ **Joseph Beuys**: 200 small pieces by the German guru giving a perspective of his life's work, themes and beliefs. Richard Demarco Gallery, 17-21 Blackfriars Street, Edinburgh (031 557 0707), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 12-5pm, free, until September 10.

★ **Leading Works From The Scottish Collection**: Edited highlights including all the major names of contemporary art from Warhol to

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Royal Scottish Academy, 100 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2JN, 11-11pm, free, until October 11.

★ **French Master Drawings**: Boucher and Chardin features in this collection loaned by the National Museum in Stockholm. National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh EH2 2JN, 11-11pm, free, until October 11.

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★ **Nicola Hicks**: A pack of graphic arts performed in her familiar adobe material by a leading figure in the recent animal sculpture revival. The Scottish Gallery, 34 George Street, Edinburgh (01 225 5955), Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, Sat 9.30-5pm, free, until September 2.



## TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Davalle  
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## BBC1

- 6.30 *Continuum*. Leon Errol in Double Up (b/w).  
6.55 *Weather*.  
7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman and Pamela Armstrong. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.  
8.35 *The Pink Panther Show*. Three cartoons (r). 8.55 *Regional News* and weather.  
9.00 *News* and weather.  
9.05 *Children's BBC Magazine*. Programme introduced by Anthea Turner starting with the cartoon *Boys Cat* (r).  
9.30 *Harlequin*. A different approach to the art of making pictures. This week's subject is bands and curves (r).  
10.00 *News* and weather.  
10.05 *Neighbours* (r).  
10.25 *Play School* presented by Sheelagh Gilbey and Fred Harris.  
10.50 *Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match*. Live coverage of the morning session between MCC and the Rest of the World from Lord's, introduced by Tony Lewis. Commentators are Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth. Includes news and weather at approximately 10.55 and 12.00.  
12.05 *Dallas*. Jock's will is about to be read at last (r).  
12.55 *Regional News* and weather.  
1.00 *Over O'Clock News* with Philip Hayton. Weather.  
1.25 *Neighbours*. Scott's problems at school cause conflict with Jim.  
1.50 *Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match*. Live coverage of this afternoon's play with summaries by Ted Dexter and Jack Banister.  
4.10 *Star Wars*. BBC. Andy Crane introduces *Star Wars*. (r). 4.35 *The Voyages of Dr Doolittle* cartoon serial (r).  
5.00 *Newsround* with Roger Finn, Helen Rolison and John Craven reporting on the day's events around the world.  
5.05 *Treasure Hunters*. Mark Curry investigates the derelict Cornish towers that housed the engines used to mine for tin (r).  
5.30 *The Flintstones*. Cartoon.  
6.00 *Six O'Clock News* with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Mitchell.  
6.25 *London Plus*.  
7.00 *Wogan*. Derek Jameson presents a country music special with guests Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson and Billy Joe Spears.  
7.25 *Head of the Class*. Last episode of the American comedy series starring Howard Hesseman as a teacher of a class of gifted but socially obnoxious students.  
8.00 *The Rocker's Roll Years*. 1979, the year Three Mile Island erupted, Mrs Thatcher won the General Election and Anthony Blunt was discovered to be a spy. The music was from Elvis Costello, Specials AKA and Police.  
8.30 *Terry and June*. Sit-com starring Terry Scott and June Whitfield (Coefax).  
9.00 *Nine O'Clock News* with Nicholas Mitchell and Andrew Harvey.  
9.30 *Shining Women in the Picture*. Helena Kennedy asks whether women are portrayed fairly on television in the 1980s. (see Choice) (Coefax).  
10.20 *Levi's*. Comedy series, written by Ian La Frenais, about a shady antique dealer, starring Ian McShane and Phyllis Logan. This week Lovejoy is pursued by more than a tax inspector when he makes a valuable find (r).  
11.15 *Late Night in Concert* features Style Council's Wembley Arena concert. Songs include "Shout to the Top" and "Walls Come Tumbling Down". (r).  
11.45 *Weather*, closedown.

## BBC2

- 6.55 *Open University*. Maths: Modelling Drug Therapy. Ends 7.25.  
9.00 *Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match*. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of this morning's play between the MCC and the Rest of the World.  
1.05 *Cricket*.  
1.20 *Holly's Cakes*. A See-Saw programme (r).  
1.35 *Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match*.  
1.50 *Cricket*.  
3.00 *News* and weather, followed by Sign Extra Magazine programme with sign language and subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing (r).  
3.25 *Songs of Praise* from Dover (Coefax).  
4.00 *News* and weather.  
4.10 *Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match*. The afternoon's play from Lord's.  
6.15 *Film: Murder at the Gallop* (1963, b/w). Margaret Rutherford stars as the eccentric Agatha Christie sleuth, Miss Marple, who decides to investigate when a wealthy recluse is frightened to death. With Robert Morley and Flora Robson. Directed by George Pollock.  
7.35 *SOE - Italian Victory*. Part seven of the series on the Special Operations Executive focuses on their link with the Italian partisans during the last weeks of the Second World War. Narrated by Michael Bryant.  
8.35 *Star Cops*. A psychiatrist visits Moonbase; and the Chief Maintenance Engineer begins to show signs of strain. (Coefax).  
9.30 *Luther Vandross in Concert*. Recording of the American soul singer's sell-out London concert earlier this year includes his hits "Give Me The Reason", "If Only For One Night" as well as his latest single "I Really Don't Mean It".  
10.20 *Cricket: MCC Bicentenary Match*. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the fourth day's play from Lord's.  
10.50 *Newsnight*. Presented by Peter Snow. Donald MacCormick and Adam Raphael.  
11.35 *Weather*.  
11.40 *Open University*. Managing Work Force. Ends 12.10.

## ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 *TV-am* introduced by Caroline Righton and Richard Keys. News at 6.00 and 6.30; weather at 6.25 and 6.55; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40; exercises at 6.55.  
7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.25, 8.00 and 8.30; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.45; plus TV highlights with Jimmy Greaves.  
8.35 *Wesley* with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan.  
9.25 *Thames News* headlines.  
9.30 *Singray* (r). 10.00 *Spirit Bay*. Drama series set in Canada (r).  
10.30 *University Challenge* with Bamber Gascoigne.  
11.00 *At the Movies* (r). 11.10 *Lat's Pretend* (r).  
11.25 *Thames News* headlines.  
11.30 *One and All*. Last in the series discusses the meaning of community.  
12.00 *Winner Takes All*. Geoffrey Wheeler presents the general knowledge quiz.  
12.30 *News* with John Suchet.  
12.50 *Thames News*.  
1.00 *Film: The Trygon Factor* (1967). Scotland Yard mystery starring Stewart Granger as the super detective in charge of a murder investigation. With Susan Hampshire and Robert Morley. Directed by Cyril Frankel.  
2.45 *Lookin' Familiar*. Macdonald Hobley, Mary Malcolm and Sylvia Peters join Denis Norden for a nostalgic look at entertainment.  
3.25 *Thames News* headlines.  
3.30 *The Young Doctors*.  
4.00 *Children's ITV* starts with *Tickle on the Tum* (r). 4.10 *Bill the Mander* cartoon (r). 4.20 *Workweek*. Geography quiz. 4.45 *Dramarama* (Oracle).  
5.15 *Adventure*. Maritime adventure serial set in New Zealand. Starring Oliver Tobias.  
5.45 *News*. 6.00 *Thames News*.  
6.30 *What It's Worth*. Consumer queries answered by Penny Junior and David Stafford.  
6.35 *Crossroads*.  
7.00 *The Grand Year*. In the last of the series tracing the steps of an 18th century traveller. Nicholas Gecks visits Naples. Coronation Street.  
7.30 *Coronation Street*.  
8.00 *Name that Tune*. Music quiz presented by Lionel Blair.  
8.30 *On the Manor* (see Choice).  
9.00 *Film: The Day of the Jackal* (1973). Fred Zinnemann's film of the best-selling Frederick Forsyth novel about an assassination attempt on General de Gaulle. Stars Edward Fox, Michael Lonsdale and Eric Porter.  
10.00 *News at Ten*, followed by *Thames News* headlines.  
10.30 *Film: The Day of the Jackal* (see Choice).  
12.10 *Spy*. Vintage American espionage series starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby.  
1.10 *Thames Sport Extra*. Tony Francis introduces coverage of the Canadian Open Tennis Championships from Montreal; plus boxing from America - Pascal Whitaker v Miguel Santana of the United States Boxing Association Lightweight title.  
2.30 *News*, followed by *Taxi*. American comedy series about the Sunshine Cab Company. This week Tony is invited to become a sparring partner for a world champion boxer. Starring Danny Fe Vito.  
3.00 *Film: Johnny Apollo* (1940, b/w). Starring Tyrone Power and Dorothy Lamour. Gangster melodrama about a college boy who is drawn into a life of crime when his father is imprisoned for embezzlement and ends up sharing his cell. Directed by Henry Hathaway.  
5.00 *Discussion* about Bigamy. Ends 6.00.

## CHANNEL 4

- 7.00 *Channel 4 News*.  
7.50 *Comment* followed by weather.  
8.00 *Brookside*.  
8.30 *Lo Grant*. The Trib is in for a testing time when a naked man and a sleazy magazine threaten the freedom of religion and the press. With Ed Asner.  
9.25 *Kate and Allie*. American sitcom starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as a divorced couple sharing a home.  
9.55 *4 Minutes*. Dig That Tomboy. Directed by Glenn Clarke (r).  
10.00 *The Eleventh Hour: Incest - A Crime of Violence*. Documentary which reveals that ten per cent of women are sexually abused during childhood and analyses the social structures that help to keep this crime secret (r).  
11.00 *Film: Incest* (1985). Observation of the effect on a homeless woman's relationship with her son when she moves into a derelict house. Directed by Robert Smith.  
11.50 *Silent Film*, directed by Germaine Dulac, about a woman's revenge on her smug husband. Ends 12.40.  
2.30 *Jobs for the Girls*. Drama documentary about a girl who wants to become a motor mechanic (r).  
3.00 *Old Country*. Jack Hargreaves talks about the origins of the lurcher (r).  
3.30 *The Irish R.M.* Last in the series starring Peter Bowles. Flurry is on the defensive when his grandfather decides to rent out his house (r).  
4.30 *Countdown*. Today's contestants are Kevin Nelson and Mark Preston. Derek Nimmo is in Dictionary Corner.  
5.00 *Hogan's Heroes*. 1960s American comedy series about a group of resourceful POWs.  
5.30 *Abra Cadabra*. The light-hearted learning series explores the subject of earthquakes and volcanoes (r).  
6.00 *Same Difference*. Magazine programme for the disabled and their families. This edition visits Sweden, which is particularly advanced with its provisions for disabled people.  
6.30 *So We Bought a Computer*. How computers "talk" to each other. (Oracle).  
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## Fun with Jill-in-a-box

## TELEVISION CHOICE

● In some future quiz show about television, contestants might well date *Putting Women in the Picture* (BBC1, 9.30pm) around the mid-to-late-1970s. That this mildly feminist inquiry should be made as late 1987 shows how slowly some things move in the medium. Helena Kennedy's programme is resolutely good-humoured about the poor deal women get from, and on, television. "This won't be a winge," she promises, and witty demonstrations follow to show how television discriminates against women in everything from *The Price Is Right* and commercials, to news and current affairs. Sport and comedy are the worst offenders. Although it would be thought irrelevant, if not dodgy, for a commentator to remark upon, say, Glenn Hoddle's latest blow-dry, it is blithely noted of Judy Simpson: "I bet she took about four hours to do that hair this morning". Sample joke: among the most dangerous things a man can do are hang-gliding, shark fishing, and going shopping with the wife. This is so desperately unfunny that it almost fails to illustrate the point. *Putting Women in the Picture* also uses the often successful ploy of reporting verbatim things said: nothing here quite on the level of Clive James's glorious persecution of David Vine, but the target is so big that it's almost impossible not to score. Stories of quite laughable superstition are exhumed. Until recently it was thought that a woman should never read the news because no one would believe it if she did. (This raises a larger question, not broached, which is how much of it does one believe anyway?) When women do get on television, they find themselves subjected to grooming counsel-

People's rights: Dave Leigh and Rita Pennington acting out a real-life situation in *On the Manor* (ITV, 8.30pm)

ling. Libby Purves was taken shopping for some "little tops" and there was much discussion about whether she should wear her glasses. "I challenge you to describe two of David Dimbleby's suits," she throws out, quite reasonably. Unfortunately, I could, but the point stands: television is still almost entirely a male preserve, and seen to be one, and there is a lack of willingness to treat women as equal.

● The fourth and last episode of *On the Manor* (ITV, 8.30pm) focuses on the inhabitants of this derelict estate organizing themselves into a theatre group and fighting back by dramatizing their plight. Their play (which includes one very funny moment when a woman's application for maternity benefit reduces a DHSS official to helpless, hysterical laughter) is based around the five still-existing evils which

Chris Petit

## The cheer and jeer show

## RADIO CHOICE

● The lunatic aspects of Tinseltown's system of recognizing quality in world cinema has not escaped Roy Pickard, compiler of Hollywood's Oscar Nights (Radio 2, 10.30pm). The award for best writing in an original screenplay in 1956 went to a film without a word of dialogue - *The Red Balloon*, whereas William Rose's brilliant script for the Ealing comedy *The Ladykillers* got nothing beyond an Oscar nomination. I enjoy *Hollywood's Oscar Nights*, which takes up half of *The Monday Movie Hour*, because it is participatory radio in the way that old time music hall was participatory theatre. There are a few other programmes on the air during which I am moved to cheer and jeer aloud at such reminders about Oscar winners as those we get tonight - *Star foreign language film: La Strada* (choice), best foreign film, "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" from *The Man Who Knew Too Much*



Cliff Morgan: Down the River, R4, 11.00am

(jeers): best actor: Yul Brynner for *The King and I* (jeers from one of the many who thought Olivier should have won for *Richard III*); best film: *Around the World in Eighty Days* (jeers, because everybody, seemingly was taken in by Mike Todd's showmanship film. La Strada (choice), best foreign film, "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" from *The Man Who Knew Too Much*

Peter Davalle

Sayo Inaba and Trevor Cooper: two of the stars in the penultimate episode of *Star Cops* (BBC2, 8.35pm)

**BBC1** 6.55-7.00pm *The Flintstones* 11.45-11.55pm *News of the Week* 12.00-12.05pm *Regional News* 12.05-12.10pm *Star Cops* 12.10-12.15pm *Star Cops* 12.15-12.20pm *Star Cops* 12.20-12.25pm *Star Cops* 12.25-12.30pm *Star Cops* 12.30-12.35pm *Star Cops* 12.35-12.40pm *Star Cops* 12.40-12.45pm *Star Cops* 12.45-12.50pm *Star Cops* 12.50-12.55pm *Star Cops* 12.55-1.00pm *Star Cops* 1.00-1.05pm *Star Cops* 1.05-1.10pm *Star Cops* 1.10-1.15pm *Star Cops* 1.15-1.20pm *Star Cops* 1.20-1.25pm *Star Cops* 1.25-1.30pm *Star Cops* 1.30-1.35pm *Star Cops* 1.35-1.40pm *Star Cops* 1.40-1.45pm *Star Cops* 1.45-1.50pm *Star Cops* 1.50-1.55pm *Star Cops* 1.55-2.00pm *Star Cops* 2.00-2.05pm *Star Cops* 2.05-2.10pm *Star Cops* 2.10-2.15pm *Star Cops* 2.15-2.20pm *Star Cops* 2.20-2.25pm *Star Cops* 2.25-2.30pm *Star Cops* 2.30-2.35pm *Star Cops* 2.35-2.40pm *Star Cops* 2.40-2.45pm *Star Cops* 2.45-2.50pm *Star Cops* 2.50-2.55pm *Star Cops* 2.55-3.00pm *Star Cops* 3.00-3.05pm *Star Cops* 3.05-3.10pm 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## STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

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2205.8 (-98.6)Bargains  
43885 (38119)USM (Datastream)  
205.72 (-5.08)

## THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar  
1.8295 (+0.0405)W German mark  
2.9575 (-0.0195)Trade-weighted  
72.6 (+0.1)

## US NOTEBOOK

## Greenspan ignores dollar's plunge

From Maxwell Newton  
New York

The debate in the dollar had its origins in the disastrous trade figures for June — a deficit of \$15.7 billion — and intensified as evidence increased of central bank indifference to the plunging US currency.

Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, announced on Friday that the Bank of Japan in effect had no intention of intervening at the moment, because the currency fluctuation margins adopted by the central banks are "very wide".

During the course of the crisis, the Federal Reserve, under its new chairman, Mr Alan Greenspan, was totally inactive, ignoring the dollar's plunge and providing no guidance whatever to the markets. Thus Mr Greenspan's first days have conveyed to the markets a clear impression of indecision and pusillanimity.

The bloodbath began with the realization of how truly bad the US June trade numbers were. The real trade deficit, in September 1982 dollars (billions), based on Commerce Department export/import price index figures, was: December, 16.8; March, 15.0; June, 17.5. Between December and June, export volume rose 10 per cent (an annual rate of more than 20 per cent), helping to promote the rise of industrial production.

But at the same time, import volume rose 7.2 per cent (an annual rate of nearly 15 per cent), indicating excessive domestic consumption and unsustainable domestic economic expansion at the current exchange rate.

As a result of the June trade figures, the real second-quarter GNP estimated growth rate was revised down from 2.6 per cent to 2.3 per cent. The reason was a sharp upward revision in the number for the June quarter real negative net exports. The June quarter number was originally reported as minus \$127.8 billion a year in 1982 prices. Now this has been revised up to \$133.3 billion.

The devaluation policy has helped US export volume but done nothing to curb imports. Foreign suppliers have held their US market share in spite of the 40 per cent dollar devaluation since early 1985.

The Commerce Department revised the whole quarter's negative net exports estimate up \$5.5 billion, on the strength of the June figure. This means they must have originally had a number something like \$11 billion for the June "real" current account deficit. They had to revise that up to about \$15 billion — something like a 50 per cent increase in their monthly deficit estimate. That gives some conception of the shock that was delivered by the June trade volume figures.

The dollar bears have not let go of the dollar. They must have made millions shorting the dollar since it was Y151 on August 13. By Friday it was Y142.3.

Most surprisingly, the US bond market did not collapse as the dollar slid. By noon on Friday, the 30-year bond yield was 8.94 per cent, no different from what it was on August 12, before the dollar's drop began.

Bonds have no doubt been supported to some degree by evidence of sharp deceleration in US inflation, as indicated by the July rise of only 0.2 per cent in the consumer price index — one half of the consensus forecast.

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Eurotunnel's  
£5bn boost  
Project will now seek  
£750m from investors

By Joe Joseph

Doubts about the future of the Channel Tunnel project should recede further this week after 50 banks from around the world confirm that they have underwritten £5 billion to meet the costs of building the fixed-rail link.

The move will mark a significant advance for Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium, which hopes to start construction on the British side in January.

With the bank underwriting behind them, Mr Alastair Morton and Mr André Bénard, Eurotunnel's British and French co-chairmen, will this week begin an exhausting roadshow of the world's key financial centres to syndicate the £5 billion of finance to a broader spread of banks.

But the crucial test will be whether Eurotunnel can persuade investors, mostly in Britain and France, to part with £750 million to buy shares in the project in November. The £5 billion from the banks, and hence the entire project, depends on Eurotunnel's success in wooing the public and the City institutions to subscribe for the equity.

It says much for the improved mood at Eurotunnel's offices, and the confidence

and momentum that has built up behind the project, that the public and the City now see it more as a reality than a 200-year-old pipedream.

Mr Morton, also chairman of Guinness Peat, the merchant bank, foresees little difficulty in putting all the money in place. He is clearly irritated by those who remind him of the struggle Eurotunnel had a year ago — well before he was brought in to put the tottering scheme back on its feet — in wringing just £200 million out of its initial backers.

"I think it's time people stopped talking about last year," Mr Morton said yesterday. "The project has been given the go-ahead by both the French and British Parliaments, we have backing from the banks, and agreements with the railways. It's a completely different situation to last year. The uncertainties just aren't there any more. Morale at Eurotunnel is very good."

Worries about traffic projections worsened last year's fund-raising headache, but latest estimates of tunnel traffic suggest Eurotunnel may have been too conservative initially.

Accompanying this week's

confirmation from the project's five arranging banks — NatWest, Midland, Crédit Lyonnais, Banque Nationale de Paris and Banque Indosuez — that the underwriting is complete will be news that Lloyds, Barclays and Standard Chartered have put their names on the list of underwriters.

It has long embarrassed Eurotunnel that while several Japanese and European banks had given their blessing to the enterprise, three large British banks appeared to be insufficiently confident in the project to pledge money to it.

Mr Morton is not worried that by the time November's share sale — known as Equity 3 — comes around, investors' pockets may have been emptied by the £7.5 billion BP share offering in October, and by the current heavy toll of rights issues.

"We're a decent distance behind all of them," said Mr Morton yesterday. "And anyway, we'll be raising less than £300 million in this country. That's a tiny sum compared with recent privatizations like BAA or British Airways."

Just under £300 million worth of shares have also been earmarked for French shareholders.

## Morton the troubleshooter

Mr Alastair Morton is never very far away from trouble. It would be challenging enough if he were just trying to get the ambitious Channel Tunnel off the drawing board. But he is also defending Guinness Peat Group, the merchant bank he chairs, from the threat of takeover. He is the sort of man to relish the fight.

"I think I'm good at putting the pieces together," he said on taking the Eurotunnel job. It is a skill that has earned him the reputation of a troubleshooter who gets things done, even if his manner may be a little abrasive at times.

The Bank of England called upon this talent in 1982 when it shepherded the South African-born Mr Morton, aged 49, into the chief executive's job at Guinness Peat when it was on the brink of collapse owing to huge dealing losses.

It turned to him again in February when someone was needed to restore the credibility of Eurotunnel, riven by boardroom disputes. In six months, the project is back on course. And just when life was beginning to look rather tame, predators are stalking Guinness Peat. Mr Morton is not a man to shrink from the battle.



Alastair Morton: 'good at putting pieces together'

## Capitalcorp poised to bid for Guinness Peat Group

By Our Banking Correspondent

A bid for Guinness Peat Group — the merchant banking and financial services company — looks imminent. Capitalcorp International, which owns nearly 30 per cent of GPG, is understood to be on the verge of buying a further 5 per cent stake.

A letter sent by Capitalcorp to Mr Alastair Morton, the GPG chairman, over the weekend complaining about terms for restructuring the management of Guinness Peat, the merchant banking arm, is likely to form the pretext for the bid.

Capitalcorp warned Mr Morton last week that it was considering buying a further share stake, taking it above the 30 per cent level at which a full bid becomes inevitable. It said that a bid would be at no more than 110p a share. GPG's shares closed on Friday at 108p, giving the group a market value of £289 million.

In his weekend letter, Mr Peter Hunt, managing director

of Capitalcorp — a New Zealand-owned investment company — criticized a proposal to hire 12 new senior managers for Guinness Peat.

Although in favour of management incentives, Mr Hunt said: "The terms governing the proposal could, in economic terms, effectively give away all of the earnings generated by Guinness Peat during the next five years." He claimed that the deal "potentially involves cash payments of several tens of millions of pounds up to a maximum of £50 million".

The arrangement apparently involves a generous share option scheme relating to about 45 per cent of Guinness Peat's capital.

The letter said that because of the financial importance of the deal, shareholders should be consulted before the new staff are recruited. Mr Hunt said he would press the matter in the courts unless a general

shareholders' meeting was called.

Last Thursday, Capitalcorp gained an interim High Court injunction preventing the Guinness Peat takeover.

On Friday, the Takeover Panel ruled that the proposed management changes could go ahead without shareholder approval, but that does not free GPG from the injunction.

Capitalcorp is understood to be close to buying a 5 per cent stake in GPG from a single seller at less than 110p a share. It is also negotiating with several others.

The company rejects accusations that Equicorp, its New Zealand parent, is too small to bid for GPG. It has a share capital equivalent to NZ\$500 million (£160 million) and total assets of NZ\$3 billion (£1 billion). The company's total gearing is about five times, but Mr Hunt argues that since two thirds of its assets are in banking, a high level of gearing is natural.

## USM REVIEW

## Guidehouse takes the plunge

By Carol Leonard

Guidehouse, the financial services business which has brought two companies to the United Securities Market — Norank, since acquired by Spang, and high-flier Marina Developments — is itself coming to the USM this week.

Already traded on a matched bargain basis, and with 400 shareholders, the company will make its debut by way of an introduction with dealings starting on Thursday.

The introduction of 18.7 million shares at 60p each is being handled by N M Rothschild, the merchant bank, and Pamure Gordon, the stockbroker. It gives Guidehouse a stock market price tag of £11.2 million.

Guidehouse was founded in 1980 as a corporate finance adviser and licensed dealer in securities by David Michaels, a former assistant director of mergers and acquisitions with Rothschild and now chairman of Guidehouse. Its pre-tax profits have grown from £78,000 in 1982 to £623,000 last year. Turnover reached almost £2 million last year and basic earnings per share were 2.7p.

The company's interim results are due within the next month and while its introduction comes without a profit forecast, its prospectus states that "the

current year's trading to date has been extremely encouraging".

Elsewhere in the USM last week, Sunleigh Electronics jumped 4p to 55p on Friday after announcing the acquisition of Powa Kaddy, a manufacturer of motorised golf caddies, for an initial payment of £3.2 million.

It is the second acquisition Sunleigh has made since it failed to gain control of Dale earlier this year. The first takeover was of PJO Industrial, a Yorkshire-based supplier of electronic equipment to the gas and water industries, for £1.26 million.

Powa Kaddy is based in Sittingbourne, Kent, and has an overseas office in

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Florida. Started from scratch in 1983, its turnover reached £4.2 million in the year to June 1987 and it has warranted profits of not less than £800,000 for the year.

"We see potential for marketing Powa Kaddy all over the world," says Mr Tony Merryweather, the Sunleigh chairman. "Its figures for 1987 include nine months contribution from its new Florida branch which look very promising. It is into profit and turnover there has already reached £800,000."



Suits and only suits: Mr Bernard Thomas, sales and marketing director of Moss Bros

## Tailor-made by Moss Bros

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

After retail outlets specializing in ties and socks another sales chain is about to emerge — the Suit Co. Behind it is one of the oldest and most respected names in the menswear business, Moss Bros.

Moss Bros, founded in 1859, has 54 shops in Britain, including its main store just off the Strand in central London. Best known for its hire of formal wear for the top social functions Moss Bros in the fifties saw hire accounting for half its turnover but this is now down to 20 per cent.

Mr Bernard Thomas, sales and marketing director, said younger men were now back buying lounge suits, with an emphasis on designer names.

"Most recently it has been apparent that men shopping for suits in city centres have had less and less time to do this. It pointed to trying to bring together a specialist operation concentrating on a wide range. But we felt it had to be authoritative and that an atmosphere had to be created which was relaxed, comfortable, cheerful and efficient."

In May, experimentally, the two first Suit Co outlets opened, one in London's Muswell Hill and the other in the centre of Birmingham. Compared with traditional Moss Bros outlets in similar situations, the two new concept shops have doubled turnover.

The policy is to guarantee the lowest prices for the locality. Suits start at £79 with designer labels from £139.

Weekday opening is until 8 pm and the weekend includes Sunday opening. When a Suit Co opens in Blomfield Street in the City this Thursday it will concentrate on the weekday trade, opening from 8 in the morning to 8 at night, but also with Saturday hours.

Within 10 days three more branches will have opened, in Leicester, Liverpool and Cardiff.

A decision was made to sell only suits so that even shirts and ties will not be found.

## SE trading likely to ease

By John Bell  
City Editor

Stock Exchange dealers are expecting far less turbulent trading conditions this week than the violent gyrations which followed news of a £5 billion monthly increase in bank lending last Thursday.

No significant economic statistics are due until the July balance of payments figures on September 1 and speculators will typically be limiting their exposure to market fluctuations with the approach of a long bank holiday weekend. Activity will also be reduced by a low number of corporate announcements and the peak holiday season.

The main threat to what is normally a subdued period is likely to come from the foreign exchange markets.

In contrast with equity markets, currency trading is not uncommonly marked by speculative activity during mid-summer. No clear view emerged on Friday, but overseas money markets may put pressure on sterling on the view that a further rise in interest rates may be needed as a signal that the Government is determined to curb any inflationary forces.

Mr Mike Osborne, Kleinwort Greaveson's chief economist, believes that markets will be more relaxed in the autumn. In a note to clients he says the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement is still on course to underfoot by £2 billion this year.

On bank lending he says there is little evidence that the rise suggests a consumer credit explosion like the "Barber Boom" of the 1970s.

## Lawson urged to shelve tax cuts

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, will be forced to raise base rates again unless he tightens fiscal policy, according to Greenwell Montagu, the broker.

In a report published yesterday, the authors, Mr Kevin Boakes and Mr Ray Richardson, economists at Greenwell Montagu, say the one-point rise in base rates earlier this month is likely to be insufficient to rein back excessive money supply growth.

"It is by no means clear that the 1 per cent base rate rise will be sufficient to bring the

monetary indicators back under control," they say. "Further, wage inflation and the current account trend have been very largely unaffected. The combination of a relatively buoyant economy and a deteriorating current account trend should make the Chancellor much more cautious." The brokers urge the Chancellor to signal during the autumn that he is shelving his tax-cutting plans for the next Budget.

Deferring next year's tax

cuts could produce a negative public sector borrowing requirement in 1988-89, the first since Mr Roy Jenkins was Chancellor in 1969-70. But they say: "The prospect of a further reduction in government borrowing would certainly reassure financial markets and could have a beneficial effect in 'cooling' the economy. The alternative might well be an enforced rise in interest rates."

The latest comparison of independent forecasts for the British economy compiled by the Treasury shows a slight increase in optimism on growth this year, with expectations of higher inflation. The August compilation shows an average growth forecast of 3.2 per cent this year, up from 3.1 per cent last month, slowing to 2.5 per cent next year, unchanged from July.

Last month, forecasters expected 3.9 per cent inflation at the end of the year. Now it is 4 per cent, and for the end of 1988 inflation forecasts have edged up to 4.7 from 4.4 per cent. Average forecasts for the current account, a deficit of £1.1 billion this year, widening to £2.2 billion next year, are unchanged on last month.

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## Building 'surge in private sector'

# Chancellor faces a sticky wicket as base rate battle threatens

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production of Brae's condensates requires the gas be reinjected into the reservoir to maintain pressure, and originally gas production was going to be delayed until the late 1990s to maximize condensate production.

As both BP and British Gas I remember only too well, ambitious projects have been started before only to end in regret and tears.

The forecasts are set against anticipated Gross Domestic Product growth of 3.5 per cent in 1988, 3 per cent this year and 2 per cent next year, falling to 2 per cent in 1989. Inflation over the period is expected to rise from 3 per cent this year to 4.5 per cent in 1989.

...the rate rise the Chancellor made public statements about why credit growth was not a major problem. The Treasury had probably not been convinced of the arguments for higher rates until it saw the acceleration in M0 growth. The Bank, in contrast, played down the significance of M0 in the latest *Quarterly Bulletin*.

The next move to tighten policy to concern the fiscal stance. Despite last week's revisions, a significant under-  
shoot of perhaps £1 billion is likely in this year's PSBR. Furthermore, if there is only small expenditure over-  
shoot in the Autumn State-  
ment, cancelling possible tax  
cuts could leave scope for a  
planned budgetary surplus.

take any comfort, but this remains a potential source of support.

between the markets and the authorities over the correct level of base rates. The treasury, in particular, may need more convincing of the

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# Horizon chief predicts lull in package holiday war

By Derek Harris  
Industrial Editor

An easing in the intense price competition in the package holidays market next summer is anticipated, offering hope of better profit margins — at least for the bigger tour operators.

The strongest forecast of improved margins for key tour operators comes from Mr Bob Muckleston, chief executive of Horizon, the Bass subsidiary which has just taken over Rank's Wings holiday operation, which includes the Blue Sky and OSI brands.

The deal has turned Horizon into a strong third force, with almost as big a share in the market as Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group, Mr Muckleston says. Horizon now holds 16 per cent of the package holiday market or, if a seats-only brokerage operation that came with Wings is taken into account, rather more than 18 per cent.

ILG, which includes Intasun, has about 20 per cent market share and Thomson Holidays is the leader with more than 30 per cent.

Mr Muckleston sees a more stable situation next summer. He said: "With three operators of sufficient size to compete effectively, to some extent price is taken out of it. We expect it will enable us to improve margins."



Muckleston sees a more stable situation next summer

Mr Roger Heape, Intasun's managing director, said: "Without the Wings deal, perhaps next year the only people who would not have been happy with their market share would have been Horizon. They have now solved their problem in a different way to having a head-on price war. Maybe — and this remains to be seen — it will remove the desire to cut and cut margins."

The expectation on margins comes because, in a market which is thought to have grown by another 15 per cent this year, the dash for growth by the top tour operators seems largely to have run its course.

Mr Goodman, in search of

more consistent (and probably better) profits, is concentrating on building up ILG's Air Europe airline operation.

He said earlier in this summer's season that, at best, tour operators were making £1 profit on every 1987 summer holiday. The Wings experience has shown that for middle-sized holiday companies — in the mass rather than specialized market but unable to benefit from the volume advantages of the biggest operators — it must have been largely a story of losses.

The problem is that so much additional capacity had been put out for this summer, especially by Thomson and ILG, that there was little chance of the middle-sized operators meeting unsatisfied demand which in previous years had been left when the leading operators had sold out in late July or early August.

Horizon, which has trebled volume sales over the past two years, has maintained its profit level this year, according to Mr Muckleston, but he admitted: "This is a particularly competitive year for everybody in the industry."

If this drove Wings irrevocably into losses, it inevitably raises a question mark over the profitability this year of similarly sized operators such as Enterprise, part of British Airways, and Cosmos.

## Oil find prompts Britoil drilling

By David Young  
Energy Correspondent

Britoil plans to drill two further exploration wells in the North Sea block adjoining last week's apparent big new oil discovery.

Britoil bought the licence for the block from the Department of Energy for £12 million two years ago.

This contrasts with the consortium of independent oil companies which has made the new find: it was awarded its licence without fee by the department as part of a regular issue in return for commitments to explore to certain depths.

The oilfield apparently found by the Kerr McGee drilling rig *Ocean Bounty* could extend into the Britoil block.

Two years ago a Britoil well found oil at the same depth as the Kerr McGee discovery and of exactly the same type.

New drilling by Britoil will help establish whether the bulk of the new field is in its block or in the Kerr McGee acreage.

Geologists from the two companies have had preliminary meetings, but if the field does cover both blocks agreement will have to be reached between the two groupings on how the field is to be developed and the reservoir shared.

The discovery has already increased interest in the shares of the two smaller independents, Aran Energy and Clyde Petroleum, who hold a percentage of the Kerr McGee acreage.

The brokers Wood Mackenzie and Smith New Court have both upgraded their valuation of Clyde and advised clients to buy into the company.

In the United States the shares of Kerr McGee, an Oklahoma-based company which has been operating in the North Sea since oil was first discovered, have also been attracting renewed investor attention.

Kerr McGee, which has a 25 per cent share of the new discovery, has been the subject of takeover rumours in the United States this year and its share price has fallen. However, the discovery in the North Sea has increased its price by more than £3 and several large investment houses are now recommending it as a buy.

If the field does contain reserves of 500 million barrels — one of the more conservative figures circulating in the industry — it will almost double the company's existing proven reserve holdings of 97 million barrels.

Some analysts are, however, being more cautious. Mr Eugene Nowak of Dean Witter Reynolds, said: "It is pure conjecture and speculation to come up with a reserve number on one well."

## ECONOMIC VIEW Authorities still living on borrowed time

Given the scale of last Thursday's market reaction to the bank lending figures, it may seem odd to describe the City's attitude to credit growth as complacent. But if soaring credit carries with it even some of the inflationary and balance of payments dangers usually associated with it, then the response was remarkably muted.

Can bank lending at its present pace possibly be regarded as benign? The present pace, apart from the £4.9 billion July bank lending shocker, is a lending increase in the latest three months of just under 40 per cent compared with a year earlier.

The Treasury and the Bank of England have been at pains to point out that in July, at least, borrowing by individuals for consumption was not the most important reason for the sharp rise in lending. The evidence for this assertion, the figures from the clearing banks, is only partial, but let us take it on trust.

The clear implication is that runaway credit growth, if it is used to finance purchases of consumer goods, is bad. But borrowing by companies is an indication of the vigour of the economy and a sign that industry is investing and adding to its stocks, and is therefore good.

Now this argument, while on the face of it a reasonable one, is worth examining. The main component of personal borrowing, which was subdued in July, was borrowing for consumption, including credit cards. Mortgage borrowing, on the other hand, was very buoyant, both from the banks and from the building societies, which reported gross advances at a 10-month high of £3.39 billion last month.

The Chancellor, in a memorable speech to the Finance Houses Association on June 17, said: "I see no reason at present to be alarmed at the growth of private borrowing in this country." He thus gave the official line on credit card lending, which is that it is short-term and mainly reflects the increasing use of cards as a convenient means of payment.

If this is so, and credit card advances are therefore no bad thing, their weakness last month is no source of comfort, since it was more than compensated for by a strong rise in mortgage lending.

Rapid growth in mortgage lending is sustaining the sharp rise in house prices. The Bank and Treasury were clearly pleased that the August 6 base rate increase headed off another round of mortgage rate reductions.

And we know, from a passage in the August *Quarterly Bulletin*, how concerned the Bank of England is about house prices. "The rise in house prices... is likely to be a factor sustaining inflationary expectations," it said. "House prices may have a significance for wage bargaining beyond their direct contribution to the RPI as an element in housing costs, through their implications for downpayments and the size of mortgages to be serviced."

We know, too, of the leakages from mortgage lending into non-housing spending. And so the picture is of very

strong lending to the personal sector, dominated by mortgages. And the fact that it is dominated by mortgages may make it more, not less, inflationary.

The other question is whether or not lending to the corporate sector is benign. When company profits are strong, borrowing from the banks might be expected to be weak. Judging from the latest bank lending data, this is far from the case.

But why are companies borrowing from their banks? Is it really to finance investment in plant and machinery, or additional stocks of components and raw materials? Or are they just financing the next big pay settlement?

Whatever the motive is for companies borrowing, over-dependency on the banks by the corporate sector is not a healthy sign.

The Bank of England, after all, has striven to encourage the development of the corporate bond and the commercial paper markets, both of which should, in theory, mean less bank lending to companies.

In the case of the commercial paper market, the development this year has been quite rapid. The amount outstanding at the end of June was £1.65 billion in total, of which £1.03 billion was in British company issues. But still companies have accelerated their bank borrowing.

In the past few days, the City has been looking for reasons to be cheerful about the bank lending figures. Explanations have ranged from round-tripping and the effects of the British Airports Authority flotation to lending to securities houses because of settlement problems.

It is just possible, taking into account all special factors, that the 12-month growth rate of lending is nearer to 30 rather than 40 per cent. But the search for extenuating circumstances really misses the point.

It is that bank lending, and the absence of any effective means of controlling it, has been the Achilles heel of monetary policy for as long as anyone can remember. Since the abolition of exchange controls in 1979 and the abandonment of the banking "corset" in 1980, the only means of controlling credit has been through interest rates.

And this is clearly one area where the price mechanism does not work efficiently. If anyone in the Treasury or the Bank of England seriously believes that the one-point rise in base rates on August 6 will rein back the growth of credit, they are ignoring all the historical evidence to the contrary.

The authorities must hope for an autonomous slowdown in bank lending, and that the critical eyes of the financial markets will not dwell too long on the credit figures. They must also hope that foreign holders of sterling do not question the anti-inflationary resolve of a government which pumps up the economy with tax cuts and devaluation in one breath and then attempts to gradually deflate the resulting boom with a modest rise in interest rates with the next.

David Smith  
Economics Correspondent

## High-tech firms open to unions

By Kerry Gill

The level of trade union membership in the Scottish electronics industry is about the same as in the more traditional manufacturing industries, research has shown.

Contrary to the popular image of electronics companies shunning union membership, high technology firms in general do not insist on either single unions or on no-strike agreements.

The results of the research, by Dr John MacInnes, of the Department of Social and Economic Research at Strathclyde University, and Mr Alan Sproull, of Glasgow College of Technology, have been published in the *Quarterly Economic Commentary* of the Fraser of Allander Institute.

They found that industrial relations within electronics companies were similar to those in other companies and that 71 per cent of employees were in electronics companies that recognized unions. No-strike agreements were not common.

## Toyota decision on car plant expected

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

There is speculation that Toyota, Japan's biggest car maker, will reveal plans to build cars in Europe at the international Frankfurt motor show in two weeks' time. Such an announcement would appear overdue as its smaller Japanese rivals have already established a footing in Europe.

Toyota has only a joint venture deal with VW involving Japanese pick-ups being built by the German company at its Hanover plant from 1989. Last year Toyota sold 422,000 cars in Europe, drawing level with Nissan for a 2.9 per cent share of the 11 million-a-year Western Europe market.

Mr Alan Marsh, managing director of Toyota GB said: "What I would really like to see is Toyota design and build cars in Europe and be accepted just like Ford and General Motors."

The Japanese company is already planning to expand its Brussels engineering and test centre to include a design

studio, mirroring facilities that Nissan plans to establish in Europe to support its Sunderland plant.

It will also open a show case motorsport centre in Cologne next month, fuelling reports that it will enter Grand Prix racing to challenge Honda.

Should Toyota manufacture in Europe, Britain is unlikely to be a candidate for the plant. Japanese investment in car manufacture already includes Nissan's £330 million Sunderland plant and Honda's £100 million engine plant planned at Swindon. According to the authoritative Motor Industry Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, Toyota will favour West Germany — the only European market with no restriction on Japanese import penetration. Spain and Portugal could be alternatives.

The steep appreciation of the yen against the dollar and European currencies has made Japanese overseas plants more profitable than expected when they were built to circumvent import restrictions.

## Hertz to pull out of S Africa

Johannesburg (Reuters) — Hertz, the world's biggest car hire company, is joining the exodus of American business from South Africa.

Hertz said in a statement yesterday that it is planning to disinvest from South Africa over the next 18 months and merge its operation there with a local firm, Imperial Car Rental.

The Hertz rental business is owned by Allegis Corp AEG but the business in South Africa is separately incorporated there.

Over the past year, a stream of big American business names — including General Motors, Coca-Cola and International Business Machines — have pulled out, citing pressure from anti-apartheid campaigners and an economic slump for their decisions.

Hertz said in its statement that it will no longer issue international credit cards to South Africans and the name Hertz is to be dropped in the merger with Imperial.

## City safety campaign to be launched

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The City of London is launching a scheme which will combat the hazards of office building and road works in the Square Mile.

The scheme to improve the environment comes in the wake of Big Bang which has brought with it millions of square feet of new building.

The initiative by the City Corporation, the first by a local authority, will be called "The Considerate Contractor

Scheme" and will begin on September 1, encouraging developers and contractors to provide an attractive and safe environment.

About 300 contractors are expected to participate.

The City's planning and communications committee has approved 10.7 million sq ft of development in the last six months. Another 13 million square feet is likely to be under construction this year.

The City provides a work place for more than 300,000 people, with offices taking up more than 65 million sq ft — about 70 per cent of the total floor space.

The building boom has resulted in building sites and scaffolding dominating almost every street, while new cables to service new technology — as well as the other services — mean that the roads are often being worked on.

While most developers and contractors are aware of the potential hazards created by these works, the Corporation has decided to take the lead with its scheme.

It is designed to "improve the condition of City streets and ensure a safe environment for pedestrians, residents and traffic."

Contractors will agree to abide by a code of good practice.

## Royal sums do not add up

When Prince Charles eventually succeeds to the throne, perhaps he should give serious consideration to re-establishing his rights to the Crown Estates. First relinquished by King George III in 1760 in return for Civil List payments — and similarly surrendered to Parliament by every subsequent incoming monarch at the start of their reign — the estates have paid £30 million in profits to the Treasury during the past year, against a Civil List last year of just £5.2 million. A recent survey of the Crown Estates assets by two London surveying firms estimates that they total £1.28 billion and that some of its more expensive properties in Regent Street, Pall Mall and Kensington are increasing in value at the rate of £1 million a year each. As well as its impressive portfolio of central London properties, the estate also has some 250,000 acres of agricultural land in Scotland and England and a supermarket in Hereford. All in all it must rank as one of the worst financial decisions the Royal family has ever made.

## Heron swoops

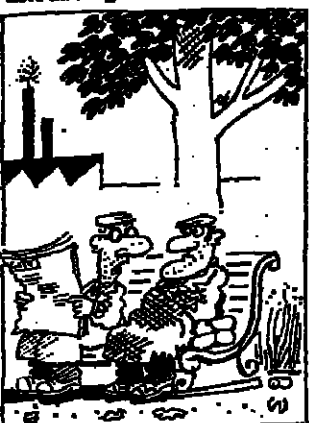
Gerald Ronson of Heron Corporation certainly knows a good buy when he sees one. He has, I hear, snapped up half the office space being sold off in a magnificent new monument being built in the heart of the Parisian financial district. The monument, to be called "Tete la Defense", completes the axis of historic monuments that runs through

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY Bull and bear market

As the stock market oscillates backwards and forwards City commodity broker Anthony Whitting is hedging his bets. Yesterday he took possession of an 8ft high wooden bear and an 11ft long bull — each weighing about 1000 lbs. The bears, commissioned from Sussex sculptor Nick Johnson are so enormous he is now having problems trying to find a home for them. "They're so

big that I'm having to store them in a friend's barn at the moment. I think they might end up in the States," he says. Made from thousands of pieces of waste wood, glued and clamped together, they took Johnson two years to create. "Because of their size we had to knock down the front of my studio to get them out," says the sculptor. Any offers?

the centre of the City. And the fact that it has been designed by a Danish architect is a source of controversy among the French — apparently none of the other buildings in the axis, which include the Place de la Concorde, the Louvre and the Arc de Triomphe, were designed by Frenchmen. It is astounding to discover — as



'Says here there's too much money about.'

such useless pieces of information often are — that the architect of the Louvre was in fact a Japanese by the name of Pei.

## An ill-wind

Fate moves in strange ways and Richard Gibson must bless the day five years ago when ad agency Ogilvy & Mather fired him while he was off work. Ill. Gibson, then of O&M's Singapore office, had been away from the office for three months and was about to return to work when a letter was pushed under his door terminating his services. His job went to a Singaporean who had been handling his work in his absence. Unabashed, Gibson set up his own PR agency and built it up to the point where he can now pocket £800,000 from Shandwick. This time he has also been luckier with his job. Shandwick has stated that it will be retaining his services.

## Queens ransom

It looks as though the Chancellor of the Exchequer's message for every one to start tightening their belts has fallen on deaf ears in some quarters. On the day when the money supply figures turned out to be every bit as bad as had been feared, in walks Charterhouse Japnet, the merchant bank, and announces an £83.1 million rights issue on behalf of its client Queens Moat, the hotel chain run by John Baird. "We knew the market would be difficult and that the money supply figures were going to be poor," said a sheepish Tom Plant at Charterhouse. "But we decided to take a deep breath and ride this one out. You have to support your client through thick and thin," he added. Charterhouse has fully underwritten the issue and places the greatest confidence in Queens Moat. But Plant admits that he will be keeping his fingers crossed until the sub-underwriting has been completed just in case fund managers decide to take the Chancellor's message too much to heart.

It seems that Americans can't wait for Ronald Reagan to vacate the White House. I hear that shops in Washington have almost completely sold out of bright yellow tee-shirts bearing the message "January 19, 1989". On the front and the explanatory tail-piece "Ron's last day," on the reverse.

Carol Leonard

## THIRD MARKET

Capitalization	Company	Price on Friday	Weekly Change
10,930,029m	Abelcor Group	405	-20
6,476,522m	Abelcor Am Parcel	434	n/c
4,011,930m	Allied Insurance	127	n/c
5,885,977m	Broadcast Commun	225	-1
6,250,341m	Catalyst Comm	78	-1
21,845,48m	Conson Beach	120	-5
17,010,00m	Eglington Oil Ireland	30	n/c
1,028,215m	Do. Warrants	18	-1
6,462,577m	Publishing Holdings	63	-6
9,404,853m	Thames Holdings	65	-6
suspended	Unit Group	139	1

## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %	Discount Banks %	Overnight %	10 Day %	1 Month %	3 Month %	6 Month %	12 Month %
8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25
8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25
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## BULLION

Gold %	Silver %	Palladium %	Platinum %
455.75	15.75	10.75	10.75
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## BASE LENDING RATES

ASB	Adm & Company	Consolidated Cds	Co-operative Bank	G. Hoare & Co	Hong Kong & Shanghai	Lloyds Bank	Nat Westminster	Royal Bank of Scotland	TSB	Citibank NA
9.50%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
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## BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interims:	TOMORROW - Interims:
Cambridge Electronic Industries, U Dewhurst, Edinburgh Fund Managers, LM Ericsson, Low & Bonar, Sandvik AB, Final: Murray Income Trust.	AGA AB, Bank of Nova Scotia, Evans Halshaw, Hanson Trust (quarterly), Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp, Alfred McAlpine, Pent-

## TREASURY BILLS

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## HORIZONS

A guide to  
career choiceHow to make the most of those  
near-miss exam results

It is now a week since the A-level results came out. Those who had 'near misses' should have heard whether they have been accepted or not for a particular institution, which means that we are only at the start of the clearing period for the less fortunate students.

Candidates are making decisions too. So any who had offers from universities, polytechnics and colleges are just beginning to notify their intentions. Institutions are only now getting a true picture of their vacancies. Remember, though, that there are still changes to come; the position will change almost daily.

Popular courses will get plenty of new inquirers. Late last week the University Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) was showing, through Prestel, that only seven universities had places in English, three in Law and five in Medicine.

The Polytechnics Central Admissions System (PCAS) showed places in English at six polytechnics; 10 in Law, nine in Business Studies and 10 in Accountancy.

What the information systems are unable to show is how many places are left in each subject. Nor can they tell you the grades required.

High-demand subjects are also likely to ask high grades at the colleges of higher education, which at present do not recruit through centralized systems and, traditionally, find their peak recruitment time is August and September.

At the Cambridge College of Arts and Technology, joining PCAS next year, the admissions officer, Sally Jackson, confirmed that its English department will most probably want a B.

Which are the less-popular courses? Well, as always, it helps to be a scientist. Chemistry departments are making moderate offers, and as we said last week, applicants are welcomed in physics and engineering.

Some polys are asking for four points for subjects such as Earth or Environmental Science while their Business Studies department is asking those grades for a Higher National Diploma.

Language courses have places, and if you do not want to do single-honours French, the grades might drop.

One university admissions tutor says: "We roll out the red carpet for anyone applying for German." Another had places for French and Russian but not in French alone, or in French and Spanish. There are, perhaps surprisingly, places left in French with Business Studies.

The Humberside College of Higher Education has places on its European Business Studies degree (choice of French or German) which is gaining an excellent reputation with employers, and on its other Business degrees.

Phone calls to a sample of polys last week revealed the following average 'asking grades': Business Studies and



In her third article  
for A-level students,  
Beryl Dixon suggests  
some alternative colleges  
and courses for those  
with near-miss results

Accountancy 7 points, Computing 5-6 points, Surveying 4-5, Languages 4-6, Law 8, Humanities and Social Sciences 7, and Science and Engineering 'negotiable'.

Teacher training (BED) courses still have vacancies, despite an increase of initial applications; up by 21 per cent for men and 14 per cent for women.

Here is some advice if you are stuck. The first is to change to one of the less popular courses or combinations. Naturally, your A-levels matter here. No one can change overnight from a historian to a chemist, but someone with history as one A-level could switch to Modern Studies or Humanities, both of which have places, according to the information networks.

Then I mentioned HND courses earlier (not offered by universities). Lower than degree standard and a year shorter, they naturally have lower entry requirements, although you would be unlikely to gain a place at the official minimum entry requirement of one E (unless for engineering or applied sciences).

Business Studies will be popular, and the Tourism option is always sought after. Bristol poly was asking 5-6 points a short while ago.

Higher National Diplomas as well worth considering. They are a marketable qualification in themselves, and may even offer the possibility of a transfer to a related degree course after a

good first year's work — or earlier as Clive Hopkins, an A-level student last year, found. He applied to Leeds Poly in September for a place on an HND in Maths, Statistics and Computing and was put on to a degree course on arrival.

If you can locate a new course, one introduced after the initial applications surge last autumn you could be lucky, eg Bristol Poly's recently introduced degree course in Manufacturing Systems Engineering, for which students are currently being considered with two relevant A-levels at grades D or E.

The Colleges of Higher Education should come into your thinking. They offer degree courses validated by either a university or the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA). Traditionally last in the status stakes — university, poly and college — they ask lower grades (though whether this will change next year, when eight are due to join PCAS and be listed on the same form as polys, remains to be seen) and recruit late applicants, which will certainly change next year for the eight.

Two of those which will join PCAS are the Cambridgeshire and Humberside colleges. At present, Humberside has places on most degree courses except Social Science, and has just introduced two new HNDs: one in Industrial Data Processing, the other in Business Studies with an option in European Marketing and a term in France.

Cambridgeshire has some vacancies on all courses with 2 Cs being the norm except in sciences, DD, and English probably wanting a B, though even there, there is some flexibility.

There are questions of location and persistence. Institutions in the south of England are flooded with applications. Clive Hopkins was willing to go further north than many of his Hampshire contemporaries. He recommends Leeds. "The course suits me," he said. "The social life is good and accommodation is cheaper."

He's paying 30 per cent less for a room, he estimates, than friends in the south. Persistence too is something Clive knows about, having last year visited colleges and made daily phone calls throughout September.

This year, one call to the telephone information services or a look at Prestel/TINS (The Times Network System) should reduce that. But they can be difficult to contact at peak time. Late night and early morning proved most successfully last week.

Remember that clearing continues up to the end of September, when the "asking price" of some courses will drop as institutions want to start the year with full courses. If you really are prepared to sit it out, it is possible to get a place the day before term starts.

Standard definition of "points": A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2 and E=1.

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## ATHLETICS: THE POTSDAM CONFERENCE THAT LED TO A LESS THAN UNITED EAST GERMANY

## British blimps are echoed at the elitist 'Blimp Park'

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Potsdam

There were some unlikely similarities with the present state of British athletics at the East German championships, which finished here on Saturday, not the least of which was an echo of British selection policy for next week's world championships in Rome. The British selectors are still under pressure for refusing to take a full complement of qualified athletes to Rome.

After saying that the East German team would also be restricted, one of the Potsdam officials who had read of British athletes' complaints, added, without apparent irony: "There will be no protest here. People will understand that it is useless taking a 100

almost certainly run the 100 metres and both relays.

And after Silke Gladisch's 21.79sec on Saturday, to add to her 10.86sec 100 metres on Thursday, the 200 metres still looks destined for the Democratic Republic. Friedlind Gladisch has been getting advice from the now retired Marita Koch, who got married to her coach, Wolfgang Meier, on Friday.

If Fatima Whitbread's shoulder injury precludes her from Rome, Petra Felke's three more throws over 70 metres on Saturday makes her victory all the more likely.

The all-round measure of readiness for Rome was reflected in the five best marks of the year, which were added to Thomas Schönlebe's European 400 metres record of 44.48sec, and Sabine Busch's 53.24sec is a 400 metres hurdles world record by virtue of Marina Stepanova's 52.94sec in Tallinn last September not being followed by a dope test.

But there are still some glaring gaps, particularly in the men's track events. And the elitist policy is reflected by a lack of depth even in the women's events. Jana Krachenberg finished fourth in the women's 400 metres hurdles in 64.46sec, a time, which, dare I say, would not get her into the final of the United Kingdom championships. But then 53.24sec (by the winner, Busch) is not common among British women one-lap hurdlers.

There were other surprising evocations of a British meeting in the quantity named Airship Hanger Stadium, or "Blimp Park", according to one of our American friends. There were only 9,000 people on a gorgeous day. And, for those solicitors of British organizational gifts, as Gladisch, who was to run the two world leading sprint performances at these championships, settled into her block for the 200 metres, it was announced that the "athletes of the meeting" were Schönlebe and Busch.

## Potsdam results

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RACING: MCCOURT'S GELDING HAS IMPROVED SINCE REVERTING TO SPRINT DISTANCES

## Cee-En-Cee should relish Windsor trip

By Mandarin

Cee-En-Cee, who has shown improved form since tacking sprint distances, is named to land the Additional Apprentices' Handicap at Windsor this afternoon.

After a series of unsuccessful efforts over a mile and 10 furlongs, the Matt McCourt-trained gelding reverted to shorter trips, and soon rewarded the decision with a win over six furlongs at Lingfield Park, beating Scovian, who himself has been running well this term.

Although Cee-En-Cee has failed to follow up in his three subsequent starts, he has run creditably with placed efforts behind Ajanae and Maiden

Bidder, both at this course, and when making last headway behind The Mechanic — successful again at Sandown last Saturday — at Newbury.

This represents a significant drop in class from that company and he should give a good account of himself.

Dragana, representing the combination successful in the race last year, has to be respected but her best form has been shown over a longer trip, while Stelby, second to the previous winner Not So Silly at Catterick last time, is another with serious claims.

The Bracknell Graduation Stakes is an interesting contest, with Natski, the easy winner of a minor contest at

Redcar last month, sure to have his share of followers. He is a progressive sort, but I think his future may be over longer distances and feel he could be vulnerable over this trip.

With that in mind I have a slight preference for another improving type, Castle Ward. He made all to win at Nottingham earlier this month and now that he has struck winning form could go on to better things.

Pat Eddery can complete a double on course and distance winner Domesday Rose in the Belmont Selling Stakes and Lotus Island in the Royal Handicap.

Lotus Island, from the in-

form stable of Geoffrey Wragg, beat Ladrona at Yarmouth in June and last time out finished second to Clotpon (winner since), on a return visit to the seaside track.

The best bet at the day's other meeting, Hamilton Park, could be Lucayan Gold in the Elskrick Handicap. He had no trouble winning a small race at Edinburgh and was not disgraced when second to Mischiefous Miss at Catterick earlier this month.

Although this 1½-mile trip is probably a minimum for him, Hamilton is a stiff course and the opposition does not look too testing.

However, the most interest-

ing runner on view there is Master Engineer in the opening Carmichael Maiden Stakes. He is a 58,000 guineaes brother to the good sprinter Clantime, and the most expensive horse to represent the Wetherby stable of Richard Whitaker.

He can make a victorious start to his career at the main expense of another well-bred youngster, the 70,000 guineaes Gilded Youth, a half-brother to Friday's Sandown winner Tahila.

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# Whitbread may not be fit to face world

By Cliff Temple

Fatima Whitbread, having suffered her first defeat for a year, at Crystal Palace on Saturday, now gives herself only a 50 per cent chance of competing in the World Championships in Rome.

After consulting a specialist late on Saturday evening about an aggravated shoulder injury she had originally sustained earlier in the season, Miss Whitbread received a cortisone injection in a last attempt to overcome the pain.

"I've been unable to train or even sleep properly, and I feel like an old lady, not an international athlete," she said.

"Unless I can throw with 100 per cent effort in Rome, I don't really want to go. But I have confidence that this injection will help and I'll try my shoulder out by throwing in a couple of small meetings in Britain later this week. Fortunately, my event isn't until late in the world championships, so I can delay my departure for Rome."

In her misery she joins her fellow European champion, Roger Black, and the former Olympic champion, Allan

Wells. The final build-up to the world championships of all three, which should comprise just rest and sharpening work, have turned into increasingly desperate struggles for fitness.

Until last month Miss Whitbread was one of the hottest favourites in Rome. Since breaking the world record in September 1986 with a throw of 77.44 metres at the European championships in Stuttgart, she has stayed as undisputed world No. 1.

Unbeaten this year, until Saturday night's Dairy Crest Games at Crystal Palace, she suffered an earlier blow this season when East Germany's Petra Felke regained the world record with a throw of 78.90 metres last month.

And while Felke may not particularly bother her, having been disposed of comfortably in Oslo on July 4, the shock of losing on Saturday to her arch-rival, Tessa Sanderson, was practically electric.

There is little love lost between the British girls and while defeat by Felke in Rome might just about be bearable, losing to Sanderson is something Whitbread would prob-

ably find much harder to come to terms with. It was Sanderson who won in Los Angeles, it was Sanderson who unexpectedly beat her at the 1986 Commonwealth Games and Sanderson who was notably absent when Whitbread startled the world in Stuttgart.

At Crystal Palace on Saturday, where the still conditions kept the throws down to modest levels, there was the sudden possibility that Whitbread, having dominated all year, would have to give best to Sanderson in a major championship.

For although Sanderson is ranked only fifteenth in the world this year with 66.10 metres (compared to her best throw of 73.58 metres in 1983) she would need to improve by less than three metres to rise to third behind Felke and Whitbread.

And having now abandoned her original plan to tackle the heptathlon instead, for which she lost two stones in weight, Sanderson suddenly feels optimistic about Rome, although her main target remains the defence of her Olympic crown next year.

Meanwhile, Roger Black's hopes for the Rome 400

metres suffered a setback at the weekend. Already struggled to reproduce his best form in races, the European and Commonwealth champion, aged 21, lost at 300 metres in Portsmouth on Friday to his training partner Kriss Akabusi, and woke up next day with an aggravation to an existing hamstring injury.

"I really don't want to go to Rome and be knocked out in the first round," he said. "So I'll have to decide very soon whether to still run the individual event there. But I'll definitely run the relay."

He has time on his side. But Allan Wells, now 35, probably has less. When he dropped out of his 100 metres against Linford Christie and Calvin Smith on Saturday night, walking slowly back to the start after 50 metres, it seemed that Rome might be beyond reach.

But it transpired that he had finally succumbed to the need for a cortisone injection because of a persistent groin injury, and it had not yet proved fully effective. But he, too, will have to consider his position regarding his 100 metres place.

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## Hadlee's heroics fail to beat Gloucestershire

By Alan Lee

**MORETON-IN-MARSH:** Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by two runs. Nottinghamshire's bid for a unique honours treble suffered a setback yesterday on the charming village ground at Moreton, where even the familiar heroics of Richard Hadlee could not prevent only their second Sunday league defeat of the season.

Needing nine runs to win from the final over of a match reduced by rain to 30 overs a side, Hadlee lost the strike with a single off the first ball and then watched in horror as Andy Pick failed to score from the next three. Another scrambling single left Hadlee scrambling a six from the last delivery to salvage a tie, but he could manage only four.

The result keeps the Refuge Assurance League race open. Notts Derbyshire, Worcestershire, Kent and now even Gloucestershire can carry on

with some hope of the trophy. With the outfield wet and the weather still dubious, Nottinghamshire made the natural decision to bowl first. Gloucestershire's batsmen, to a man, played themselves in and then got out. Seven of them reached double figure, yet the highest score was only 16.

Wright reached 16 before mistiming a drive against Bore. Athey made the same score before becoming one of four victims for Pick.

The shot of the afternoon was played by the sturdy Romanians, who straight-drove Pick effortlessly over the sightscreen. It was, however, symptomatic of the batting that he was out next ball to an indeterminate jab.

Hadlee was suited by the conditions to the point where a run against him was a surprise. He also took the important wicket of Alleyne and so, with Curran misfiring,

the innings needed some opportune edges from Walsh to achieve even modest proportions.

If Nottinghamshire sensed easy pickings, they were rapidly disillusioned. Broad fell to the fourth ball of the reply and Johnson was soon sharply run out by Bainbridge. When Rice was out to Shepherd, the 43-year-old club coach called out of retirement to meet the crisis, a contest loomed.

The middle order was eroded by Shepherd, still wily and surely slimmer, and Alleyne, his young protégé. When Hadlee and French came together for the seventh wicket, 38 were needed from seven overs. They so nearly got there, but when Walsh bowled French in the penultimate over, it all went wrong for the champions-elect.

**GLoucestershire** 13: 10 C Russell b Pick 13; A J Wright c Hadlee b Bore 16; C W J Alleyne c French b Bore 16; M Curran c French b Bore 14; P W Romanians c French b Pick 13; K Bainbridge c French b Bore 12; J N Shepherd c and b Rice 11; K E Hearnings c Walsh b Alleyne 11; G E Sanderson not out 7; G E Sanderson b Rice 6; Extras (6 4, w 1, nb 1) 11; Total (28 overs) 171.

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-22, 2-38, 3-56, 4-70, 5-77, 6-86, 7-90, 8-95, 9-107. **BOWLING:** Sanderson 6-1-21-1; Bore 6-0-25-4; Hadlee 6-1-15-1; Pick 6-1-32-4; Rice 5-3-18-2.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE** 19: B C Broad b Russell b Sanderson 19; R T Robinson b Shepherd 19; P Johnson run out 1; C E B Rice b Shepherd 14; J D Birch c and b Alleyne 18; J N Hadlee not out 36; K E Hearnings c Walsh b Alleyne 9; P W Romanians c and b Bore 9; R A Pick not out 7; Extras (6 4, w 1, nb 1) 11; Total (30 overs) 109.

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-0, 2-5, 3-37, 4-52, 5-58, 6-74. **BOWLING:** Sanderson 6-1-11-1; Shepherd 6-1-20-2; Walsh 6-1-17-1; Alleyne 6-0-17-2; Bainbridge 6-0-17-2; Umpires: K J Lyons and R A White.

## Claesen's future is in doubt

By Stuart Jones

**Football Correspondent**  
Nico Claesen is determined to leave Tottenham Hotspur, who bought him for £200,000 at the beginning of last season. After scoring the lone goal in the victory over Chelsea at White Hart Lane on Saturday, the Belgian international stated that "I have no future at this club."

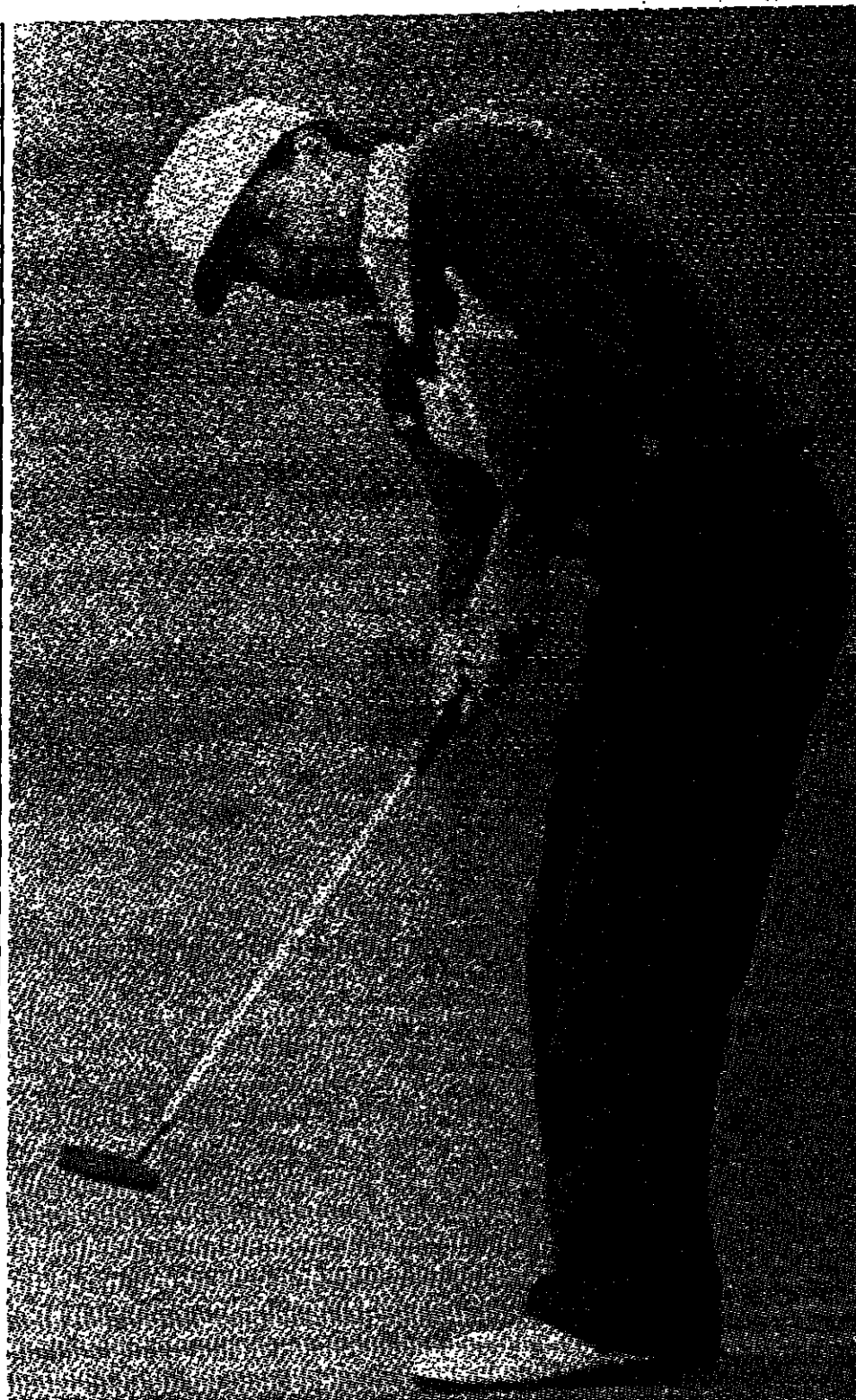
Claesen, one of the most prominent forwards during the World Cup finals in Mexico last summer, is so long content to be considered as a reserve at Tottenham. "I want to play for a club that wants me," he went on, "and I am prepared to listen to any offers."

"I have spoken to the manager and he has told me that we were successful last season and he expects us to be so this season, by playing with five men in midfield. Everybody knows that Clive Allen scored 49 goals last season and you can't leave him out."

"Even if I come on and score, it makes no difference. We will play with one up front next week. The only time we've played with two, at Coventry a week ago, we lost. I've tried it in midfield and it didn't work. I'm 24 and I want to be in the first team."

Claesen, whose apparent availability will interest Tottenham's leading first division rivals, was also the central figure in the tempestuous and inflammatory closing stages at White Hart Lane. He exposed his frustrations, Chelsea were incensed by his behaviour and four players, including Claesen himself, were booked.

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Making his Mark: O'Meara holes out at the second on his way to victory yesterday

## Eagles set up O'Meara for victory swoop

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Mark O'Meara moved to a spectacular victory in the Lawrence Batley International with a final round of 66 that included two eagle twos at Royal Birkdale yesterday. The rain showers which made life miserable on the Lancashire links appeared not to trouble the 30-year-old Californian in the least as he stroled to a conclusive four-shot victory over Carl Mason (68).

O'Meara, whose caddy was his coach, Hank Haney, won the £23,330 first prize with a 17-under-par aggregate of 271. He looked unlikely to be caught from the moment that he followed an outward 32 with an eagle two at the eleventh, where he holed a seven-iron approach of about 150 yards. And if there was any doubt, then O'Meara removed it at the sixteenth where he holed a shot of a similar length, again with his seven-iron, for another unlikely eagle two.

He had started out with a one-stroke lead from Mason and David Feherty who back pedalled with a lacklustre 76, and he remained firmly in the driving seat throughout, although Mason produced a commendable performance to

earn the second prize of £15,550. He was out in 34 and had three birdies in a flawless inward half so that he managed to stay ahead of Andrew Oldcorn, who finished third after a 68.

O'Meara has not won in his native America for two years but this triumph, alongside his

laus, the US captain for next month's Ryder Cup match, O'Meara has not qualified for the team following a year in which he was sidelined after undergoing knee surgery. Even so, his victory will not go unnoticed by Nicklaus as he finished clear of a field which included all of Europe's leading golfers except Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer.

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END COLUMN

## A whole world shaking hands

By Alan Lee

Shortly before testing in Saturday's final Gavaskar was on for 198 and the third of Lord's pavilion witnessed another of those "emotional scenes which down the years have frequently brought a lump to the throat. This one, however, was a little different, a little special.

In the moment that Gavaskar, 12 runs short of making a fantasy out of a triumph, turned, a shade wistfully, for the walk back, the Long Room, usually as respectfully solemn as a reference library, came loudly alive. Members converged from all parts of the building, some forgetting themselves and running in their anxiety to be present when the most poetic Test batsman in history came wearily up the steps and through the most famous room in cricket.

They gave Gavaskar a reception which will live with him through his retirement, and then, faces wreathed in smiles, they returned to watch, drink and debate their way through the rest of this extraordinary event. It started out as a birthday party for the MCC and has turned into a fully supported peace treaty for the warring factions of world cricket.

Some things never change and, even amid the jubilation which greeted Gavaskar, an elderly member slept on in the library across the corridor. If he was dreaming of the game's good old days he could have experienced nothing more colourful or more unifying than this bicentenary match.

Alan Border has said that he feels the concept of the game is healing some of



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cricket's international wounds, breaking down barriers which had been erected in Test conflict and reinforced by the endless demands to win. Crics might have sneered but Border is right. The evidence has been there for all to see these past few days - and not just on the field.

Colonel John Stephenson, MCC's popular secretary, reflects: "It has been an atmosphere the like of which I have never known in my years at Lord's. Everyone, from players to spectators, has set out to enjoy an occasion. It's the way it should always be, isn't it?"

The point about the game is that it is essentially old-fashioned. There is no overt partisanship. The result is not all-important; taking part, or simply being there, really is what matters.

Some of the players, tried on modern professionalism, were unsure what to expect. They have to a man handled a delicate equation like trained diplomats. We have had the sight of a South African and a West Indian embracing at the fall of a wicket.

On Saturday we watched as Gavaskar, of India, was nursed through the nervous 90s by Imran, of Pakistan. An experienced Indian journalist shook his head and smiled. "Wonderful," he said. "A few years ago the players of the two sides would not even talk to each other."

Just as striking has been the eagerness to entertain even when conditions are barely fit. Colonel Stephenson, a ubiquitous master of ceremonies, enjoyed Border's earnest reaction to the pre-match request to play on in dubious light. He asked, with no hint of sarcasm: "Is it okay if we stop when we can't see each other?"

The only crowd disturbances were caused by heatstroke on Friday, when the temperatures climbed towards 90 deg. F. Jackets, however, remained compulsory inside the pavilion which, in the opinion of most members, has never been fuller.

On the first two days the Nursery End resembled Henley Regatta, with its marquees and its champagne, its blazered businessmen with their mobile phones and their expense accounts. On Saturday the crowd was more cosmopolitan. Asians, West Indians and South Africans congregated in the same stands, smiling and chatting together in a way that only an inspired idea like this could have produced.

## Emburey's offer

John Emburey, aged 35, the Middlesex and England vice-captain, is considering an offer to become Warwickshire's captain. "It's a good offer and I am seriously interested. I have always wanted to lead a team, but obviously being five years older than Mike Gatting I have no chance at Middlesex," he said.

Emburey added: "I don't relish the thought of leaving Lord's after 17 years and have no quarrel with my county, but the captaincy does appeal to me." He emphasized that the approach had been made through Middlesex.

Emburey, who has played in 46 Tests, has no qualms about going to Edgbaston, where the pitches are generally flat.

Dr Tony Hall, aged 51, an American consultant physician at the London Hospital for Tropical Diseases, will be responsible for keeping the England party fit and healthy during the forthcoming World Cup in India and Pakistan. Peter Lust, the England tour manager, commented: "With only 14 players available it is a worry keeping everyone on their feet and fit to play. Dr Hall will see they get the right treatment."

## Britain pipped for third gold medal

From Roy Moor, Strasbourg

The British team missed capturing their third gold medal of the European swimming championships here by just half a second in yesterday's final of the 4 x 100 metres men's medley relay. In a fierce finish, Roland Lee narrowly failed to catch the Soviet freestyle swimmer, Gennadiy Frolova.

The Soviet team touched in a new European record of 3min 41.51 sec, with Britain also inside the previous record time with 3:42.01 to take the silver. West Germany's four finished third, but because of a changeover in ingenuity involving Michael Groß they were disqualified and the bronze medals went to East Germany.

Scotland's Neil Cochran was back at fifth at the end of the opening backstroke length. Then Adrian Moorhouse also into full flight over the breaststroke stage to pull Britain through to second, with Andy Jameson forcing Britain into the lead over the butterfly leg. The rest was left to Lee.

Tamas Darnyi, of Hungary, brought the total of world records broken during these championships to six when winning the 200m individual medley earlier in the evening in 2:00.56. It completed a remarkable double for the 20-year-old Budapest swimmer as two days previously he had set new world figures in securing the gold for the 400 medley.

The fifth world record came

when Anke Möhring, from East Germany, swam the 800 metres in a remarkable 8:19.53. This took almost three seconds off the mark set by the American youngster, Janet Evans, at the US national championships a fortnight ago.

Bobby Morgan of Wales had wretched luck, missing a medal in Saturday's high-board diving final. With the last two of the 10 dives remaining, he had moved into third position with an exceptionally high-scoring entry that earned him 78.54 points.

Had his next, a three-and-a-half inward somersault, matched these marks - of which he is capable - there is little doubt that he would have kept the third place. Instead, by gaining only 48.96 points he was relegated to fourth, his final placing. Georgiy Chogovadze, the Soviet champion and only competitor in the final Morgan had not previously beaten, won the title with 618.48 points.

In the men's 1500 metres, the current world mark of 14:54.76 set by the Soviet Union's Vladimir Salnikov a decade ago survived, but there was an outstanding finish. The West Germans, Rainer Henkel and Stefan Pfeiffer, turned level with East Germany's Uwe Dasserler for the last of the 30 lengths of the pool. Ten metres out, Dasserler edged ahead, but a powerful finishing thrust earned the title for Henkel in 15:22.3.

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## LTA set to confirm Jacques

By Richard Evans

The appointment of Warren Jacques, the Australian who has been coaching the Federation Cup team this year, and Richard Lewis, the former British Davis Cup player, as the top men in Britain's reorganized coaching system will be confirmed by the Lawn Tennis Association at a press conference at the Queen's Club later today.

Jacques, who played the world circuit in Rod Laver's era, has accepted the role of chief coach to Britain's Davis

Cup team and will spend much of his time travelling with the top players. Lewis will have special responsibility for Britain's junior players and, eventually, is likely to take charge of the reorganization of regional coaching throughout the country.

Lewis is a strong-willed individual who has already cut his teeth in tennis administration not merely at Bisham Abbey where he has worked for Paul Hutchins for the past three years, but prior to that,

as an outspoken member of the Association of Tennis Professionals' board of directors.

Peter McNamara, John Alexander and John Lloyd's former coach, Bob Brett, were three other Australians who came close to accepting various posts the LTA were offering. "This is just a start," said Hutchins yesterday. "It is very likely that other appointments will be made in the next few months once we have seen how things pan out."

### SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Title for Starling

Marlon Starling's 11th-round win over Mark Breland, his American compatriot, in Colombia, South Carolina, earned him the World Boxing Association's welterweight title - and a possible unification bout against Lloyd Honeyghan, of Britain.

Starling was behind on all the judges' cards when he felled Breland with a left to the head in the 11th of 15 scheduled rounds. The referee then stopped the contest.

#### Opie's Open

Lisa Opie, of Britain, won the women's final of the Australian Open squash championships yesterday. She beat Robyn Friday, of Australia, 6-9, 9-3, 9-4, 7-9, 9-7. In an all-Australian men's final, Chris Robertson beat Rodney Martin, 5-9, 9-6, 5-9, 9-1, 9-4.

#### Stevenson: Lost fitness fight

Northamptonshire have released Graham Stevenson, the former Yorkshire and England Test cricketer, after just one season at the county. He has struggled for fitness this season, and played in one first-class and one Sunday League match. Also released are Stuart Waterston, the reserve wicketkeeper, and Tim Scriven, a left-arm spin bowler.

#### Measured win

Clifford Ogle, of Edinburgh University Alumni, won the British Smallbore rifle championship at Bisley after he and Philip Scanlan had tied in the match and the rematch. Ogle won by millimetres after officials checked bullet-holes.

#### Sudden death

A 22-year-old Portuguese player, Paulo Naveira, of Atletico Lisbon, died of unknown causes after collapsing while playing in a pre-season match for the second division club against Al-Jacir, of the United Arab Emirates.

#### Petchey's win

Mark Petchey, aged 17, from Loughborough, served and volleyed spectacularly to beat Danny Sapsford 6-1, 6-3 to win the British 18 and under grass court tennis title at Eastbourne yesterday. Teresa Collin, from Cambridge, won the girls' title, beating Anne Simpkin 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

## Gardner wards off Lawson challenge

From Michael Scott, Brno, Czechoslovakia

Wayne Gardner, the Australian Rothmans Honda rider, took another convincing step towards his first world championship yesterday with his second successive start-to-finish victory, his sixth win of the season.

Eddie Lawson, the defending world champion, was second after fighting his way past his fast starting Marlboro Yamaha team-mate, Tadahiko Taira, and closing a five-second gap behind Gardner to less than two seconds at the end.

Taira hung on to third, two seconds ahead of Randy Mamola (Lucky Strike Yamaha).

Niall Mackenzie (Honda) was fifth, the top British finisher, and one of many riders who complained of sliding tyres towards the end of the 24-lap race in hot, dry conditions.

Rob McElnea (Yamaha) dropped to eighth after a good start, with the same problem while Roger Burnett took the final championship point and tenth place on his Honda.

With four rounds remain-

ing, Gardner leads the world championship by 26 points from Mamola. He admitted yesterday's win had been hard work. "Eddie Lawson was really closing up at the end," he said, "and though